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TROOPS LANDING AT BELIZE

Guatemala May Break Off Relations,
Try To Cut Off Food Supplies

HK - Japan Radio 'Phone

Tokyo, Mar. 1.
SCAP has authorized the
Japanese Ministry of Com-
munications to set up direct
radio-telephone service with
Hong Kong. — Associated
Press.

Shanghai-London

Shanghai, Mar. 1.
The Shanghai Telecom-
munications Administration
announced today that the
Shanghai-London radiotele-
phone circuit will be opened
to the public next Thurs-
day, following satisfactory
tests. The charge for a
three-minute conversation
will be, for the present,
CNC\$1,746,000 (nearly \$4
at present open market
rate).
The Shanghai-London cir-
cuit will be the second
long-distance line to be
opened within a year. Last
spring the administration
restored the radio-tele-
phone link with San Fran-
cisco. — Reuter.

Machine-Gun Seized In Border Raid

Nine Chinese are being held
as a result of a surprise raid by
the Hong Kong and Po On po-
lice on Lin Ma Hong Village
last Friday night.
One machine-gun, two revolv-
ers and several rounds of am-
munition were seized.
The Commissioner of the Po
On Police, Shiu Tin-yoi, con-
tacted the Talpo Station when he
received information that a gang
of robbers were hiding some-
where between the Lin Ma Hong
Village and Chung Ling Village
(Shum Chun) and that they were
ready to go to Lin Ma Hong,
which is in British territory.
A detachment of 50 Hong
Kong police was dispatched and
joined the 20 Chinese force at Lin
Ma Hong where they cordoned off
the village and arrested the nine
suspects.
The darkness, however, helped
many to escape a police screen-
ing.
The suspects are now being
held at the Talpo Police Station,
pending further investigation.

Shanghai Petition To Truman

Shanghai, Mar. 1.
The United States Secretary of State has acknow-
ledged receipt of a petition, submitted to Pres-
ident Truman on Jan. 20 by wives of former
foreign employees of the new defunct Shang-
hai Municipal Council—the pre-war Inter-
national governing body of the International
Settlement of Shanghai. It was revealed at a
week-end meeting of former S.M.C. foreign
staff members still here.
The petition appealed to Presi-
dent Truman to use his influence
and good offices in persuading
the Chinese Government to effect
without further delay payment of
superannuation and other funds

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Moscow Supports Britain

Belize, Mar. 1.
Guatemala will decide, when its Congress opens
today, whether to break off diplomatic rela-
tions with Britain and to cut off food supplies
to British Honduras, according to reports here.
The opening of Congress by Dr. Juan Jose Arevalo,
the President, will coincide with the arrival
here of the 9,850 ton training cruiser "Devon-
shire" with troops of the Gloucestershire Re-
giment from Jamaica, bringing the total forces
available for the defence of the colony to over
1,000.

An anti-British demonstration
has been arranged for today in
Guatemala city, it was also re-
ported.
On her arrival, the "Devon-
shire" will immediately land
troops, fighting vehicles and
anti-aircraft and anti-tank
guns. Vice-Admiral Sir William
Tennant, Commander-in-Chief
of the American and West
India station, said when he
announced that the cruiser had
been delayed by slight engine
trouble.

The forces, he indicated,
would probably be quite enough
to deal with the situation, and
reply to what he called
Guatemala's "rather tactless
and offensive statements".
Marines from "Sheffield"
have already penetrated the 90
miles from the coast to the
border of Guatemala, "so that
they could be seen by the
Guatemalans," as Admiral
Tennant said. The single nar-
row, swampy road joining the
two countries is guarded
by forces ready to throw
road blocks and other defences
across it.

Guatemalan reports that the
British were being reinforced
by the sloop "Swallow". The
sloop is in Trinidad and is staying
there, it was stated. It was also
denied that British troops had
marked out part of southern
British Honduras with flags and
were going up the Sarstoon
River in landing barges.
Admiral Tennant's confident
statement supported a general
belief here that the crisis had
passed.

Peaceful Now

"No emergency now exists,"
he said. "Everything is calm
and the border is entirely peace-
ful."

FINLAND DISCUSSES REQUEST

Helsinki, Mar. 1.
Discussions began today with the
Finnish Government today on
Prime Minister Stalin's proposal
for a Finnish-Russian treaty of
friendship and mutual assis-
tance.
President Paasikivi (it was
learned) will be told on Wednes-
day of the final decisions of the
major political parties on the
proposal which is expected to be
submitted to Parliament. The
Government's official statement is
not expected before Wednesday
night.
Well-informed sources said
Paasikivi favours signing a treaty.
Over the week-end he conferred
with K.L. Kulo, head of the pro-
Moscow Socialist Unity Party.
The Executive Committee of
the Democratic bloc of the
Communists and the Socialist
Unity Party, is to discuss the
proposal later today. Premier
Mauno Pekkala will attend.
Pekkala and Eino Kilpi, Minis-
ter of Education and member of
the Foreign Relations Committee,
have recovered from slight colds
and resumed their duties. — Asso-
ciated Press.

Finland Won't Be Quite So Easy

(By John M. Hightower)

Washington, Mar. 1.
Russia is expected to have a much more difficult
time forcing Finland into the Eastern Euro-
pean Communist bloc than she had with Cze-
choslovakia.
American officials predict that the resistance of
the Finns will be much greater than that of
the Czechs. They say it may, in fact, succeed
in preserving for Finland some elements of
liberty.

There is no longer much dis-
guising the fact that American
authorities were shocked and dis-
tressed at the speed with which
the Czechs gave in to Commun-
ist demands.

Marshall Aid Plan Approval

London, Feb. 29.
The United States, using
Argentina and Chile as tools,
was trying to "crowd Britain
out of the Antarctic," a Moscow
Radio commentator declared to-
day in a review of the dispute
over the Falkland Island Depen-
dencies.
Upholding British sovereignty
of the territories, Moscow
Radio said that Chile and
Argentina, "under the complete
control of the United States,"
persisted in their demands be-
cause America was trying "to
deprive Britain of her most im-
portant strategic position."
"The recent discovery of
uranium in the British terri-
tories of the Antarctic un-
doubtedly plays no small role
in this respect," the Radio
added.
The commentator added that
the Atlantic Ocean was not the
only sphere of American "ex-
pansion."

British Policy

Britain's policy, all along, has
been to attack the problems of
economic recovery on the as-
sumption that the country would
have to stand on its own feet.
Marshall aid, if received, would,
in that case, enable some even-
tual easing of the burden.
The survey, though awaited, will
show the departure from this
policy, but will emphasize the
further ruthless imports cuts and
other restrictions that would be
necessary in the absence of the
Marshall plan. — Reuter.

The Mediterranean have shown
American concern for British
interests is tending to grow
out of British influences and only
imposing on Britain impossible
political and economic obliga-
tions. — Reuter.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

Racket



Hong Kong must rank
among the noisiest towns in
the world, but less there
should have been anything
lacking, this instrument of
torment has now been intro-
duced in the Central dis-
trict. (China Mail photo).

TEN MILLION YEN IN CONTRABAND

Heavy Seizure On ss.
"Taksang" In Kobe

Kobe, Mar. 1.
A single American GI, Pfc. William H. Stewart,
of Philadelphia, broke up a 10,000,000 yen
smuggling operation in Kobe harbour today.
The alertness of Stewart and swift action by a
Criminal Investigation Detachment cracked
open an attempt by the Chinese crew of the
British vessel "Taksang" to smuggle penicil-
lin, saccharine, gold, silver, platinum and
other goods into the Japanese black market.

Stewart, a member of the
U.S. 24th Infantry Regiment,
was the lone security guard on
board the "Taksang." Noticing
that some cargo was being
transferred from the ship to a

lighter, he waited until the
small boat had been loaded and
taken to the dock. He then
summoned the Officer of the
Day, Lt. Richard W. F. Hughes,
of New Jersey.

Together they discovered
2,000 vials of penicillin and 350
lb. of saccharin as well as
medicinal preparations, malted
milk compound and lighter
flints. The contraband was
impounded and four Japanese
on the lighter were arrested.

ALLEGED BRITISH 'ATROCITY'

Jerusalem, Mar. 1.
Eight Jews were killed by
Arabs after Hagannah guards at
a foundry near Jaffa had been
disarmed in error by the Police.
The Jews are now accusing the
British of "atrocities" alleging
that the murdered men were
deliberately left at the mercy
of the Arabs. This is strongly
denied by the Palestine Police.

The Jewish account, given in a
broadcast over Hagannah radio,
said the British "kidnapped" 24
Hagannah men and dropped them
off in Arab territory. The British
admitted their men disarmed
the Jews but said the arms were
later ordered returned.

The order came too late to do
any good, according to J.M.
Flanagan, Police Superintendent
of the British district. Flanagan
said Jews in the foundry fired on
three Arab trucks on the high-
way.
A British armoured car drove
up and searched the foundry,
seizing three Sten guns and two
rifles. The armoured car com-
mander advised the Jews to
abandon the foundry and then
headed for Jaffa, taking the arms
with him.

Arabs meanwhile assembled
nearby and stormed the building
after the British left.

Flanagan said he learned the
Jews were members of Hagannah
and ordered the arms returned.
But the British were too late in
reaching the armoured car by
radio.

The Superintendent insisted
that disarming of the Jews was
not intended to set them up for
slaughter. He said he firmly be-
lieved the armoured car com-
mander "acted in good faith and
did what he thought was right."
— United Press.

Two Arrests

More penicillin, gold and
platinum bars and pieces of
silver, owned by one of the
crew were found. He and an-
other seaman were arrested,
the U.S. Army announced.
The "Taksang" arrived in
Kobe from Keelung, Formosa,
to discharge a cargo of mica.
A sister ship, the "Loksang,"
was involved in a similar case
a year ago when a cache of
penicillin, sulfadiazine and 30
tons of sugar worth more than
100,000,000 yen was discovered.
— United Press.

American Freighter On Fire

Sydney, Mar. 1.
The American freighter "Ceil G.
Sellers" (7,216 tons) set on fire
early today saying that she was on
fire 1,500 miles off from Fremantle.
The Captain reported the position
was grave and the ship might have
to be abandoned.
The freighter "John Gorrie" (7,176
tons), on her way to Bombay from
Fremantle, is trying to reach the
scene.
The "Ceil G. Sellers" is carrying
a cargo of wheat. She has a crew
of 36 and has two Australian stow-
aways aboard.
She is a Liberty ship belonging to

S'hai Prices Come Down

Shanghai, Mar. 1.
Rumours that President
Chiang Kai-shek is arriving
in Shanghai personally to
tackle the commodity mar-
ket spurt forced down
prices today on all fronts,
with Chinese stocks suffer-
ing the heaviest setbacks.
The Shanghai share price
on Cotton Mills, dropped to
a low of CNC\$588 from yester-
day's high of CNC\$1,200.
The black market U.S. dol-
lar, however, remained at
CNC\$300, although only
isolated deals were report-
ed. — United Press.

Salvage Tug To Aid "Kien Sing"

The salvage tug,
"Caroline Moller" which
recently towed an ex-
Japanese tanker from
Hong Kong to Shanghai,
was last night speeding
southward along the
China coast to the aid of
the grounded s.s. "Kien
Sing" at Chilang Point,
80 miles northeast of
Hong Kong.

The "Kien Sing," having been
swept on the rocks by the tide
and wind, was last night re-
ported to be in danger of severe
damage, owing to a "very rough
sea" prevailing in the vicinity of
Chilang Point.
Some of the 50 crew have
been transferred to the Chinese
Customs cruiser standing by to
discourage any attempt at piracy.
The motorjunk which left
Hong Kong on Sunday with
anchors, chains and cables re-
tained, was towed to the aid of
the "Kien Sing" yesterday after-
noon. Attempts are to be made
to keep the vessel from moving
from its present position until
the salvage tug arrives on Wed-
nesday morning.
With Captain Troyan in com-
mand, the tug is on its way
from Hainan Island to Kobe
with 4,000 tons of iron ore when
it went aground in heavy fog on
Saturday morning at Chilang
Point.

The Sverdlov of New York, and is
bound for France from Fremantle.
— Reuter.

Rationing Of Rice In Shanghai

Shanghai's Mayor K.C. Wu today inaugurated the
world's third largest city's first experimental
step to ration 40,000 tons of rice monthly. At a
special press conference, he invited the world
to watch the rationing programme to judge
the success of a strictly Chinese administered
effort.

The Shanghai plan—which is
identical with rationing systems
set up in Peking, Hankow,
Nanking and Tientsin—affects
6,000,000 people. It was drafted
with the cooperation of the
U.S.-Chinese Relief Mission
headed by Mr. Donald Gilpatrick
and a Central Government
special committee headed by
Mr. Y.T. Miao.
The programme is to be tried
for a period of four months,
starting March, and altogether
100,000 tons of rice are re-
quired—half to be furnished by
United States relief and half by
the Chinese Government.

Each person, regardless of
age, is to get 16 lb. of rice
monthly at a cost of five per-
cent below the open market
cost. The rest can be bought
on the open market.

The programme, in charge of
the City Government, is being
handled by Shanghai's 3,000
rice shops and 284 rice brokers.
Ration cards advise the people
to buy from a shop where they
have confidence, to "preclude
merchants taking advantage of
customers."
The ration cards, which set
new half of the population to
buy rice in the first half of the

month and the remainder in
the second half of the month,
clearly state that half of the
rice comes from the United
States Government.
Mr. Gilpatrick, at the press
conference said it is the first
time that enough rice is on
hand to make rationing pos-
sible. He expressed the hope that
the great difficulties confront-
ing the City Government would
be overcome, and prove that
rationing is a feasibility.
— United Press.

The Weather

The anticyclone dominates China and
the South China Sea. A depression, over
a trough extends E to the Luzon Strait
and NE to a deep depression over the
Kurile. A ridge of high pressure covers
the China Sea.
Today's Forecast: Shanghai: B with
clouds, with occasional rain.
Yesterday's Weather:
Maximum: 74.4 deg. F.
Minimum: 62.4 deg. F.
Rainfall: 0.8 inch.
Total since Jan. 1: 4.4 inch.
Jan. 1-10: 1.2 inch.
Jan. 11-20: 0.8 inch.
Jan. 21-31: 2.4 inch.
Total: 5.2 inch.
Shanghai: 1947: 54.1 deg. F.
1946: 54.1 deg. F.
1945: 54.1 deg. F.
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Savage Red Attacks

On Hsinmin

Desperate
Situation

Desperate Situation

London, Mar. 1. A message from Peking in today's "Times" hinted that the military situation in Manchuria appears to be so "desperate" that it might now be a question of whether it is possible to withdraw the Japanese forces there. After referring to the "real extension of Communist activities during the past few months," the "Times," Peking correspondent added:

"At present, the situation in Manchuria appears so desperate that it is probably less a question of saving Manchuria any longer than of saving the Government forces there, and bringing them back for the defence of north China."

— Reuter.

Earthquake Heavier Than The Last One

Batavia, March 1. — An earthquake twice as heavy as the recent Philippine quake was registered only last night by the Batavia Geophysical Station.

The instruments showed the epicentre as close to the Indian Archipelago islands of Buru and Ceram, lying between the Celebes and New Guinea.

A dispatch from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, said a prolonged earthquake tremor was recorded by the Marquette University seismograph.

The centre of the disturbance was placed at 8,000 miles, probably in the vicinity of the Solomon or the Philippines.—United Press.

The "Young Marshal"

Rural Building Lot No. 515 on Severn Road, the Peak, with an area of 56,430 square feet, together with existing structures, was sold at public auction at the Public Works Department rooms, 100, Market Street, for \$1,000 to Mr. Oei Yok-kie of the China and South Sea Bank Ltd., Duddell Street.

The upset price was \$750,000, but steady \$500/1,000 bids brought it up to about 20 people. The present snob brought the price up to \$115,000, at which it was knocked down to Mr. J.M. Nolasco da Silva, acting for the purchaser.

Some of the conditions of sale is that within 24 months the purchaser must erect on the site European-style flats or semi-detached houses of a total reliable value of not less than \$180,000, and that until such reliable value is effected, no sale of the land may be made without the prior consent of the Director of Public Works.

The sale was on the usual 75-year "Crown lease" with option of renewal for 25 to 75 years at 10 per cent. Crown Rent.

Existing Crown Rent is \$1,290 per annum.

FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

Food and Fuel Costs for the week ending
Jan. 26

Rice	.....	7.5	centils	\$ 5.870
Beans & Flour	.....	1.9	"	1.086
Vegetables	.....	1.9	"	3.700
Salt Cabbage	.....	7	"	1.068
Onions	.....	7	"	1.068
Tea	.....	3	"	360
Salt Fish	.....	3	"	.825
Fish	.....	2.6	"	2.625
Fruit	.....	3	"	1.125
Firewood	.....	10.0	"	1.200
Beast Curd, 14 place	.....		"	.700
Total				\$ 14.924

Allowance

The average of the Food and Fuel figures for the weeks ending Jan. 25 to Feb. 25 is \$19.57.

The Rehabilitation Allowance for the month of March, 1948 will therefore be:

Riots In Cawnpore

Daily-paid Workers.
 Artisans \$ 1.50 per day
 Coolies \$ 2.40 " "
 Females \$ 2.05 " "
Monthly-paid Workers.
 Males \$ 91.00 per month
 Females \$ 66.75 " "

CORRECTION
 Mrs. T.W. Kwak, wife of the Chinese Special Commissioner (Foreign Affairs) for Kwang Tung, has been appointed to the position of Chinese Special Commissioner for Kwang Tung.

WATER RATION IN TOKYO

The winner of two lucky numbers in the "Surprise Package" competition at the function was Mrs. Alice Kwok.

Tokyo, May 1.—Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters announced today that water rationing for domestic use would be suspended for no definite period, but for security purposes as well as for economy. The rationing of water for domestic use will begin in the Tokyo area on March 1, 1945. The Office explained that water rationing means the limitation of water main leaks and the use of the two Tokyo reservoirs for flood control and fire fighting. The rationing will permit the use of water for drinking, bathing, and washing and for the use of the main lines for the fire and police departments. The rationing will be in Tokyo wards.—United Press.

Protest

London, Mar. 1. — A declaration of protest against the Communist action in Czechoslovakia was issued here today by the Czech National Committee, a body of Czechs who escaped from Czechoslovakia during the war and who organized themselves in 1945 as critics of the postwar policy of the Czech Government.

The Czech National Committee in London, which solemnly for the benefit of the Czech national press in Belgium, France, Italy, Germany and Austria, as well as the "Czech Nation by the Communists," dictators, "subversive."

The declaration is signed by General L. Pichalsky, President of the London Committee, who advocates resistance to Hitler's demands; a fighting force of Czechs, Poles, champion, and D. Kavek, Secretary of the Committee.


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DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE TO KMT SPOKESMEN

Unlawful Boarding Of Ship

Mr. D. G. Cairns, Acting Assistant Director of Marine, took the bench at the Marine Court yesterday in the absence of Mr. N. Garland, who is on home leave.

Mr. Cairns sentenced 13 Chinese to one month's hard labour each for unlawfully boarding the s.s. "Hupeh" on Feb. 28 alongside the Custodian Wharf.

The excuse they gave that they were only taking luggage on board for passengers was given the lie when Sub-Inspector Fyfe of the Waterfront Police Unit told the Court that all passengers' luggage on the wharf was carried by wharf coolies with arm bands.

Chan Cheung, master of a motor junk from Ping Hoi, was fined \$200 or one month for having on board 168 excess passengers. His licence allowed him to carry only 10.

Leung Kiu, master of a sampun, found that his delay in taking out a licence cost him an additional fine of \$25.

Li Hing, another sampun master, had already taken out a licence but it was not on board when the Police asked for it. This cost him \$15.

A caution was administered to Chao Kwong, master of a fishing junk, for lying inshore at Kennedy Town without permission. He said he was instructed by the Fisheries Department to tie up to discharge fresh fish, and did not know a permit was required.

BOILER MAKER STOLE METAL

Nine months' hard labour was imposed on Wong Chak Man, 25, boiler maker, when he appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. F. X. d'Almada on a charge of stealing six pieces of white metal valued at \$72 from Tai-koo Docks.

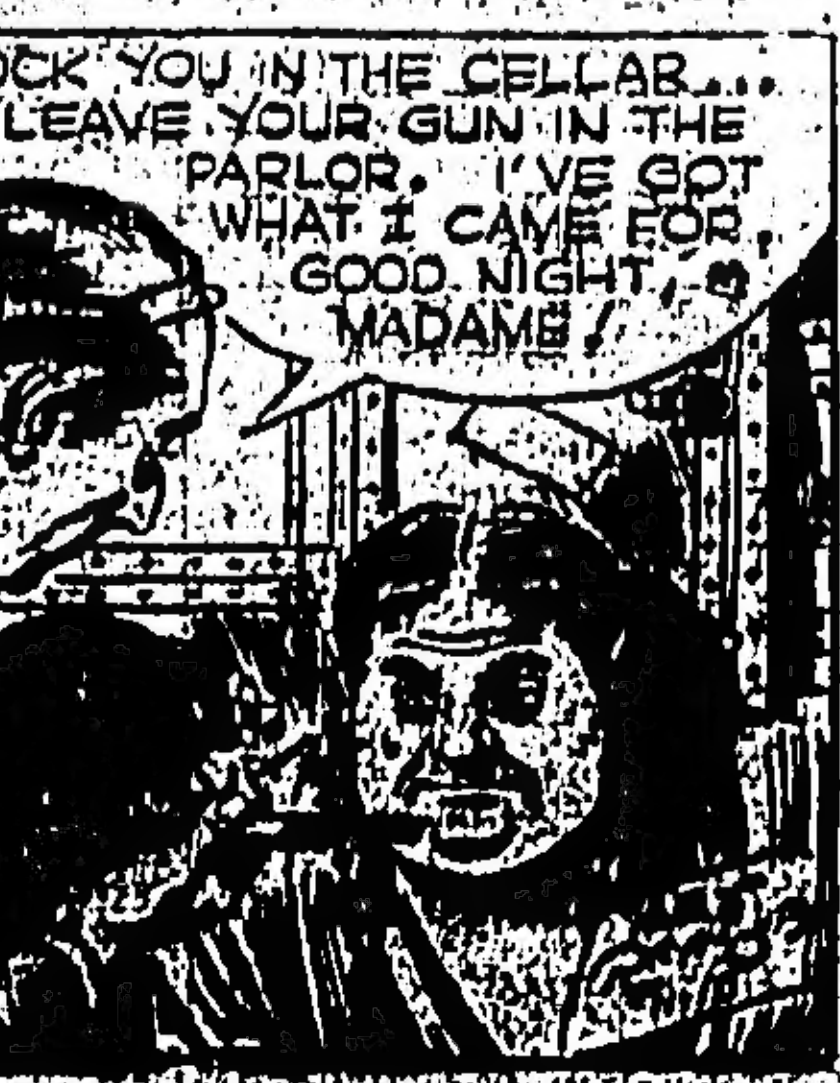
Inay Brownrigg, prosecuting, said that defendant was stopped outside the dockyard in Sai Wan Street with a parcel. He admitted stealing the metal.

RADIO

EDW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 846 kilocycles from 12.15 to 2.00 p.m., and from 2.00 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 5.01 megacycles in the 12 metre band from 12.15 to 1.45, 5.30 to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m.

12.15 p.m.—Studio: Religious Talk to Children.
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Ambrose and Anne".
1.02 p.m.—Moreton and Kaye on Two Pianos.
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.35 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.50 p.m.—Philharmonia Symphony Orchestra of New York.
2.00 p.m.—Glee Down.
2.00 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: Melodies from the British Film.
2.30 p.m.—Musical Sweethearts, Music and Song.
2.50 p.m.—Studio: See You on Sport.
3.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.
3.15 p.m.—Piano Recital by Wilhelm Backhaus.
3.25 p.m.—Studio: Stage and Screen Favourites presented by Alison Woods.
3.55 p.m.—The Philharmonia Orchestra.
4.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Merry-Go-Round".
5.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.
5.10 p.m.—Weather Report.
5.11 p.m.—Studio: A Play—"The Baron's Room" by Norman Edwards. Produced by Douglas Clarke for the Hong Kong Stage Club.
5.30 p.m.—A Programme of New Records just received by EDW.
10.30 p.m.—London Relay: Radio News.
10.45 p.m.—Relay of The Gothaen and His Ambassadors Orchestra.

RIP KIRBY



BY ALEX RAYMOND

REPLY

Letters From Lair Of Pirates

The families of four of the six men taken hostage when pirates sacked control of the s.s. Van Hout last December when the vessel was about 80 miles from Hong Kong, have received letters from the kidnapped men, according to last evening's edition of the Sing Tao Jih Pao.

The newspaper said that the letters were written on Jan. 9, but the postmark dated Jan. 21. The amount of ransom demanded was not mentioned.

Tahara Knew Of No Complaints

Vice-Admiral Tahara Suzuki, on trial with 15 alleged Japanese war criminals before the No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court, finished his evidence yesterday and was cross-examined by the Prosecutor, Major Grant McIntyre, Australian Div., SCAP, H.Q. Tokyo.

Tahara, charged with mistreating some 500 Hainan Camp POWs and causing the death of 180 prisoners, Dutch and Australian, will be questioned today by the Court composed of Lt. Col. H.G. Quinn, C.D. (President), Lt. Col. J.T. Brock (Judge Advocate) with Major N. McCleod and Lt. R. Carter as members.

Under cross-examination by the Prosecution, Tahara said that when Allied warplanes bombed the island in 1944, for the safety of the prisoners he forbade them to hold sports meetings previously permitted. No order was made to prevent them being sent out to work.

Tahara admitted that the Japanese hospitals and barracks were superior to that of the POWs.

Replying to Major McIntyre, defendant said he did not make any arrangement for the prisoners to grow food when it was scarce.

He did not speak with the prisoners because he could not speak English and they could not speak his language. He did not use an interpreter. He did not know that some of the prisoners could speak Japanese.

He had never received any complaints, Tahara said. Hearing was adjourned to today at 9.30 a.m.

Captain Kamura, second of the 16 defendants, will go in the box on Thursday morning.

Salesman Saw Him Stealing

A watchful salesman at the China Emporium saw Chan Yu pick up a woolen pullover, suck it inside his jacket and attempt to walk off with it. The salesman followed him and had him arrested.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, when Chan appeared on a charge of larceny before Mr. F. X. d'Almada, he was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

Defendant pleaded "guilty." He had lost some money was desperate and wanted something to eat so he stole the pullover with the intention of selling it to make money.

Caning, Gaol For Theft

Ten strokes of the cane and nine months' hard labour was imposed on Kwok Yuk when he appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. d'Almada on a charge of larceny of a handbag property of Chi San Ying, containing \$25.40.

Defendant pleaded "guilty." Inspector Brownrigg said that defendant had two previous convictions for similar offences and asked that accused be recommended for banishment.

SCAP told Ryukyuan today to quit jay-riding between their home islands and Japan.

Ryukyuan are said to stowing away on boarding ships bringing other Ryukyuan home, riding to Japan, then applying for repatriation a second time.

SCAP told the Japanese Government to halt this smuggling.

H.K. Opium Law Same As In China

A fine of \$2,000 or six months' hard labour was imposed on Lam Ng-tai, 25, unemployed, by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of possessing raw opium.

Defendant, who said some person gave him the drug to carry at Swatow, was arrested at the Custodian Wharf, Connaught Road, Central, on Feb. 28 and 16 taels of raw opium found on him.

"The law regarding opium is the same here as it is in China," Mr. d'Almada said when defendant, who was also recommended for banishment, pleaded ignorance of Hong Kong laws.

A 60-year-old unemployed, Jong Ping, of No. 28, Tung Loy Street, ground floor, was sentenced to three months' hard labour for keeping an opium divan. Five smokers had their \$25 bail forfeited for failing to appear in court, while three were each fined \$20.

Pleading not guilty to a charge of possession of heroin pills and pipes Cheung Lau, 28, married woman, was remanded in goal custody 24 hours, while a witness for her defence is being contacted by Police.

Cheung, who was bailed out on the first hearing last week, said that she had no knowledge of any of the articles, heroin pills and pipes, found in her cubicle. She alleged that Ma Chor-yuen, 27, unemployed, who is charged with her, put them in her room. Defendant insisted that she knew nothing of the whole affair. She would call the servant of the tenant to give evidence.

Cheung said that she knew Ma only a few months and alleged that the pipes were placed under her settle from outside. She said the divan in one of the cubicles started about a month ago, and she did not know how many smokers had frequented it.

SI Thomas said that he raided the place and found a tin of heroin pills, an opium pipe and 80 small pots of prepared opium under a table in the corner of her room. Another tin of heroin pills was found inside her safe, which she opened in their presence. In her dressing table, another 200 heroin pills were discovered. Altogether 10 heroin-pipes and 1,355 pills were seized.

R.N. Ratings Sent To Gaol

"If the stowaways had been discovered in Australia the shipping company would have been fined \$100 for each of them as well as having to pay for their upkeep in gaol, and also to pay for their passage back to Hong Kong," said Mr. W. H. Latimer to an officer of H.M.S. Tamar at Kowloon yesterday.

The stowaways referred to by the Magistrate were Reginald Gehlin Wilson, 20, signalman of H.M.S. Tamar, and John MacNish, 19, signalman of H.M.S. Black Swan, charged with attempting to stowaway to Australia on board the s.s. "Shanai" on Sunday.

Inspector J. Orem said that during a routine search of the ship the two men were found in No. 3 Lifeboat at 10.50 a.m. just as the ship was about to sail.

Defendants were sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

ILLEGAL W/T STATION

Chung Chi-ming (24), Wong Lau (19), Li Siu (30) married woman, and Choi Yau (40) widow, charged with using and possession of a radio-communication set at 7 Hankow Road, second floor, on Feb. 28, were, on the application of Det. Sub-Inspector C. J. Akew, remanded until March 5 by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

The principal tenant, Chan Liu-fai, 62-year-old tailor, was remanded to the same day on the charge of permitting his premises to be used as an illegal transmitting station.

The Old "Gold Brick" Swindle?

"All that glitters is not gold," but an unknown Chinese female though otherwise and, were it not for the vigilance for Det. L/C Leung Pui, would have been a few dollars poorer for disbelieving that maxim.

At 5.15 p.m. on Feb. 28, Det. Leung Pui was walking along Cheungshawan Road when he saw two Chinese men talking to a Chinese woman who was counting some money.

On seeing the detective the two men ran. The detective caught Leung Fuk-shing, 18, after a short chase.

Questioned at the Shinshulpo Police Station, Leung admitted that he and the other man were trying to sell a lump of gilded metal as gold to the woman.

Leung further admitted to being a member of Wu Lee-kwan triad society.

Charged before Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday with conspiracy to commit a felony and with being a member of a triad society, Leung was on the application of Det. Sub-Inspector D.S. Roberts, remanded for three days in custody.

Didn't Get Away With It

Inspector Hill was on routine search duty at the K. C. R. Station at 8.30 p.m. on Feb. 29 when he saw Au Kin-man (23) and Chow Tak-wing (31) surrendering their tickets to the ticket-collector at the gate.

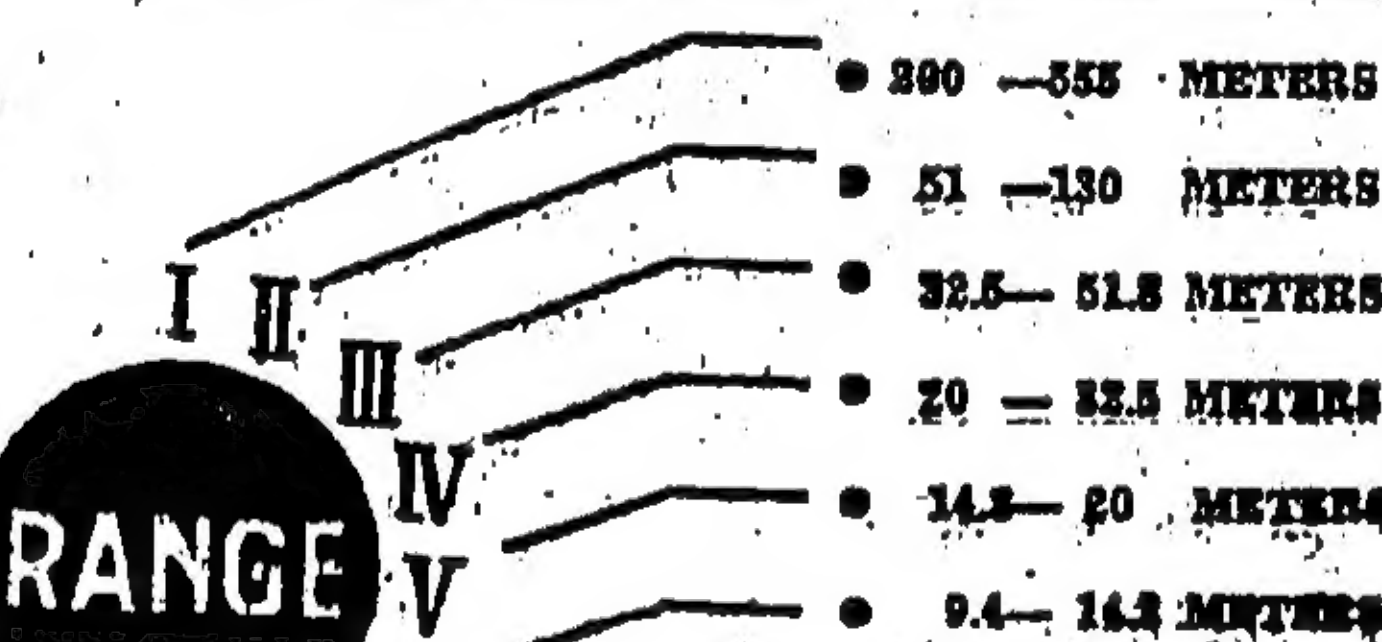
Both men produced tickets for Shumchun (the last stop in the Chinese section for down trains).

Neither of them could raise the additional fare of \$2.65 each (from Shumchun to Kowloon). They were taken into custody.

Yesterday, they appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer charged with "knowingly and wilfully proceeding by train beyond the distance for which fare had been paid (Shumchun) did proceed to Kowloon without previously paying the additional fare."

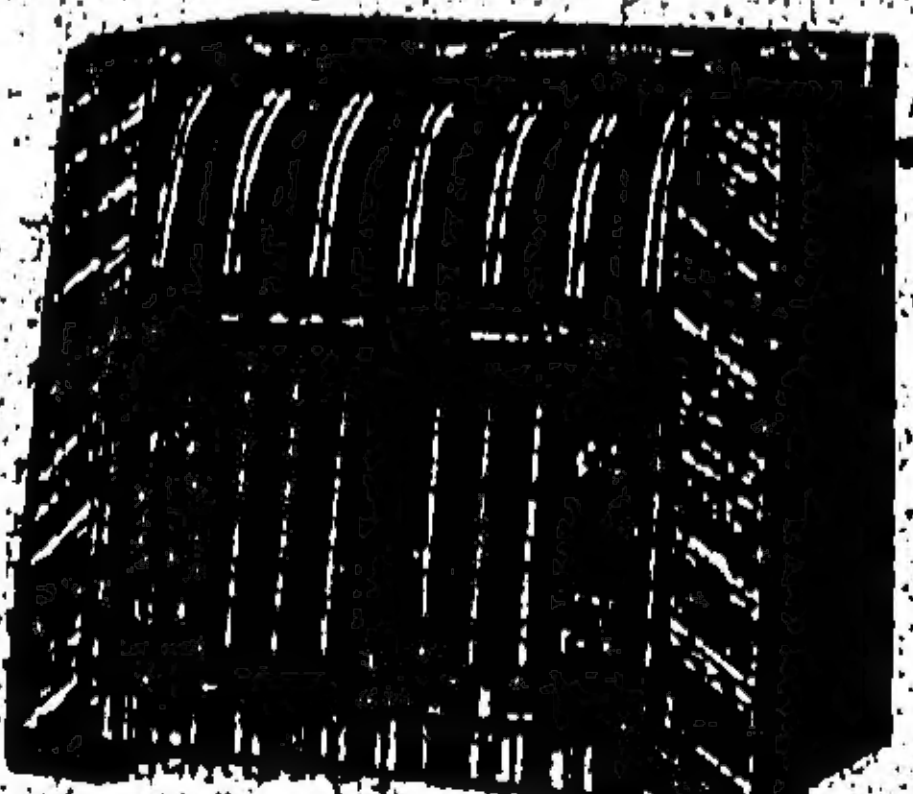
They were fined \$25 (or 10 days' imprisonment) each. Inspector J. Orem prosecuted.

Charged with being a member of the Wo On Lok Triad Society, at Mong Kok on Feb. 29, Shing Shuen, 23-year-old travelling trader, was remanded for three days by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.



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The Annual General Meeting
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March, 1948, in the Board
Room of The Hong Kong
Jockey Club, 1st Floor, Ex-
change Building, at 5.30 p.m.

The Agenda for the Meeting
is as follows:

- (1) To receive the Accounts of the Society for the year 1947, together with the Report of the Committee for that year.
- (2) The election of Officers of the Society.
- (3) Arrangements for St. George's Day celebrations.
- (4) Any other business.

All Englishmen, whether
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
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on Wednesday, 24th day of
March, 1948, at 12 o'clock Noon,
to transact the ordinary busi-
ness of the Company.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY
ALSO GIVEN that the Regis-
ter of Members of the Com-
pany will be closed from the
10th to the 24th day of March,
1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1948.

THE HONGKONG ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Owing to unforeseen circum-
stances the meeting is postponed
to Tuesday, 9th March 1948 at
5.30 p.m. at the Y. W. C. A.,
Rutton Building, Duddell Street.

Agenda: — To receive reports
and accounts for the past year.

To review and, if
thought fit, re-
vise the constitu-
tion and policy
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NOTICE is hereby given that
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Meeting of the Members of this
Company will be held at the
Office of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Wed-
nesday, the 17th day of March,
1948, at Noon, to receive the
Report of the Board of Direc-
tors and Statement of Accounts
for the year ended 31st Decem-
ber, 1947, to elect Directors and
to appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books of the Company
will be closed from the 4th
March, 1948, to the 17th March,
1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the
Board of Directors,
Hong Kong, 20th Feb., 1948.
C. E. TERRY,
Manager & Secretary.

NOTICE UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the thirty-ninth Ordinary
General Meeting of the Com-
pany will be held at the Office of
Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd.,
3rd floor, Hong Kong Bank
Building, on Friday, the 19th
March, 1948, at 11 a.m. for the
purpose of receiving the Re-
port and Statement of Accounts
for the year ended 31st Decem-
ber, 1947.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN
that the Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
the 5th March, 1948 to the 19th
March, 1948 both days inclu-
sive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
25th February, 1948.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and
Entry Forms for the Third
Extra Race Meeting to be held
on Saturday, 13th March, 1948
(weather permitting) may be
obtained at the Secretary's
Office, Exchange Building; the
Club House, Happy Valley; and
the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock
NOON on Thursday, 4th
March, 1948.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Actg. Secretary.

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting
of the Association will be held
in the Board Room of Messrs.
Jardine, Matheson & Com-
pany's Offices on Friday, 6th
March, 1948, at 5.30 p.m.

Business: Election of Officers
and Committee for the
ensuing year and any other matters.

All who have filled in and sent
in application forms or have
given notice of intention to
continue membership, are eligi-
ble to attend the above meet-
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NOTICE is hereby given
that the Ordinary Yearly Meet-
ing of Shareholders of The
Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels,
Limited, will be held at the
Registered Office of the Com-
pany (Second Floor, Exchange
Building, Des Voeux Road
Central, Hong Kong) on
WEDNESDAY, the 3rd day of
March, 1948, at 12 Noon,
for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Board of
Directors together with the
Statement of Accounts for the
year ended 31st December, 1947,
confirming the appointment of
a Director, re-electing a Director
and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
the 16th February, 1948, to the
3rd March, 1948, both days
inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
E. H. P. WHITE,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong 30th Jan., 1948.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that Mr. John Fan has re-
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WHY IS THE BAOR THERE?

There is a clamour for complete
withdrawal from Germany of our
military and civil personnel.
Rightly the critics say we cannot
afford the £170,000,000 a year the
Zone and the Berlin Sector are cost-
ing us and we cannot spare 124,000
men and women the administration
abouts.

Wrongly they charge our men and
women in Germany with wholesale
corruption, laziness, nepotism and
general degradation of the Union
Jack.

What It Costs

Not a thought has been given to
the consequences of withdrawal.
It is time to take a calm view of
this restless situation. We must see
what economies and improvements
can be effected without resorting to
the extreme measure of throwing up
our hands in disgust and leaving
the Germans to fend for themselves
against one Ally or throwing them
upon the charity of another.

This is what we have in Ger-
many: 100,000 military, of whom
2,000 are women's auxiliary ser-
vices; 24,000 civilian specialists,
clerical workers and artisans, of
whom about 5,000 are females.
Here is a breakdown of the cost:
Army: £84,000,000 a year; Civil
Commission: £26,000,000 a year.
Of this last figure £71,000,000 a
year is for feeding the ex-enemy.
That leaves £15,000,000 a year spent
on salaries, transport, stationery,
propaganda, and a dozen and one
other administrative costs.

Impressive

To cut the altogether would be
foolhardy. I'll tell you why. It
could be cut by half. I'll tell you
how.

None of the four Powers occupy-
ing Germany is loved by the natives.
The Germans fear the Rus-
sians, dislike the French, despise the
Americans, and merely respect the
British.

Tommy Atkins impresses them.
The British Military Tattoo in Ber-
lin recently turned 7,000 citizens
away every night.

We cannot get out of Germany
for years. We must stay to make
certain that out of the melting pot
of Europe there are poured not two
insects but three, the biggest and
brightest symbolising our way of
life, the way that has brought the
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By cutting our costs of occupation,
streamlining our forces, and bring-
ing our civilians home we can com-
bine economy with efficiency, enthu-
siasm with effect.

Army's Task

First the Army, of which General
Sir Richard McCreery, its Commis-
sioner, has reason to be proud. It is

in trim. The welfare facilities be-
come our culture. Our lads in Ger-
many are a credit to us.
But we must keep our eye on the
objective. Why is B.A.O.R. there?
If it is there to protect us from a
Russian advance it is pitifully small.
If it is there as a guarantee that
the Germans carry out the policies
we have decreed it is much too
large. We can only hope that the
second in its purpose and cut our
costs accordingly.

The present divisional formations
with heavy tails of corps troops
should be abolished. We need six
independent brigades, each self sup-
porting and highly mobile. They

By MCKENZIE PORTER

Who has just returned
from an investigation
of the British Zone

should consist of two airborne
brigades, two armoured, and two
infantry. Placed strategically
throughout the zone they could be
on the scene of trouble in a matter
of minutes.

Constant Patrols

Constant patrolling with surprise
searches at frequent but irregular
intervals would discourage any fur-
ther German re-armament of black
marketing and would give to the
men that active-service flip which
they do not enjoy in the monotonous
repetition of platoon, company
and battalion training to-day.

Concentrate on a small force with
tremendous hitting power and light-
ning movement led by reliable offi-
cers invested with great authority to
take independent action when they
see fit.

In this way our forces could be
reduced from 100,000 to 25,000, save
£50,000,000 a year, and release
75,000 men for essential work at
home.

As for the civilian organisation,
it is crying out for reform. It was
recruited largely during the last year
of the war when better men were
behind the gun. It is trying to do
what the Germans want to do and
could do for themselves. Of the
24,000 perhaps 4,000 key specialists
are "worked to death." The rest
are retained by "empire builders"
who need large staffs to justify their
jobs.

These staffs, though no fault of
their own, have little to do, and so
spend too much time in the many
luxury clubs, and waste too much
petrol gadding up and down the
country on bogus commissions.
Bring 20,000 of them home.

Put the 4,000 key men into the
Army and give them rank accord-
ing to their qualifications. Let them
police the country. Charge them with
responsibility for seeing where the
Germans are going wrong and ad-
vising the Army on how a quick
correction might be carried out.

Watch Them!

Hand over administration to the
Germans—and watch them like a
hawk. Stop the indiscriminate dis-
mantling of German industrial
plants so that they can be used to
help the country pay its way. Shoot
any Germans who take advantage
of our trust to build secret arsenals.

Halve the £10,000,000 now being
spent on dollars to feed the Ger-
mans and see if their rations get

HOW DENMARK CATCHES HER "SPIVS"

By JAMES WHITE

Down the street comes a
young man in a light raincoat.
Under his arm is a bulky brief-
case. He stops to speak to an
other man. Something changes
hands and the young man con-
tinues on his way.

From the window of a house
on the opposite side of the road
a detective has been watching the
young man through a pair
of field glasses. As the two
men meet, a second detective
speaks into the microphone of a
walkie-talkie: "K47, K47, get
ready, get ready. K47, K47,
orders follow in a minute, or-
ders follow in a minute." And
hands a third detective, armed
with a Leica with a telescopic
lens, takes a photograph of the
couple.

The second detective is
speaking again. "K47, K47,
young man in a light raincoat,
blue trousers, brown soft hat,
with black briefcase under his
arm, proceeding down Vester-
brogade in the direction of the
Townhall Square."

A nearby corner
big, black police car, containing
four plain clothes men, leaves
the kerb and takes up the
chase. "There he is," remarks
one of the detectives quietly.
The car pulls in to the side of
the road and two men jump
out. "We're police," says one
of them, and shows his badge.
"Just you come along with us."

"What does on a peaceful
Denmark? Has someone stolen
carefully-guarded atomic se-
crets from the Copenhagen la-
boratory of Professor Niels
Bohr?"

Let's follow the police car
and see what happens. The
young man is carefully search-
ed. His wallet contains a bun-
dle of banknotes, a number of
mysterious scraps of paper with
the words "Smør Sæbe, Sukker,
Frankfurter, Brændsel, Kaffe"
written on them (a code may-
be?), and a notebook containing
addresses. The briefcase is less
interesting, as it contains only
cigarettes.

Yes, the young man in the
light overcoat is a Black Mar-
keteer, the scraps of paper are
ration coupons and the note-
book contains the names and
addresses of customers.

With shortages of butter,
wheat, bread, fuel, coffee and
tobacco becoming more marked
as Denmark feels the loss of
dollars hitherto supplied by
Britain, Danish spies are be-
coming more active than in the
good old days of the occupa-
tion when there was more of
things. But the Danish police
have proved equal to the chal-
lenge.

Although many of their mo-
bile patrols are kept busy on the
lookout for drunken
motorists (of whom, Copen-
hagen boasts a greater per cent-
age than any other capital in
the world) the police have
thanks to their up-to-date
methods, succeeded in catching a
black marketeer every two
hours during the past month.
The campaign is far from over,
however, as the first bunch of
those already convicted will be
out of prison by December and
are expected to go to work
again without delay.

One Black Market activity
which the Danish police have
completely failed to check,
however, is the widespread traf-
fic in petrol coupons. Here the
Supply Minister has come to
the rescue by abolishing petrol
rationing in favour of a scheme
whereby motorists are allowed
unlimited petrol, but not per-
mitted to drive outside the
county in which their cars are
registered and adjoining coun-
ties. This does not mean that
Denmark can no longer afford to
buy more petrol, but the Minis-
ter does not think that the new
scheme will result in a much
greater consumption than be-
fore.

Although this plan does not
come into force until Novem-
ber, the price of "black" petrol
coupons has already fallen
from six shillings a gallon to a
mere six pence.

shorter. They don't do too badly
in the country. And there is too
much selfishness among them which
will be cured only by throwing them
on their own resources.

Recently in the American sector
a group of farmers were found to
have harvested 62 per cent more
crops than they had declared. Only
this week, in our zone, thousands
of cattle, sheep and pigs, all un-
declared, have been discovered.
Some greedy Germans are feeding

better than you and I while their
compatriots grow daily more
emaciated.
On these lines the total saving
could be made of £110,000,000 a
year, or more than half the present
cost. And 95,000 men and women
could be brought home for indus-
try.
Further, that incalculable asset,
British prestige, would not be lower-
ed, but heightened for our over-
riding benefit and the good of the
world.

Note On Inflation

Shanghai, Mar. 1.
Note on Shanghai infla-
tion.—An advertisement in a
Chinese afternoon news-
paper today offers the sale
of "easily changeable pri-
or tags" designed to solve the
trouble involved in chang-
ing prices daily. It "guar-
anteed fast colour despite
constant handling."—United
Press.

Evaded Y. 9,000,000 In Taxes

Tokyo, Mar. 1.
The "Mainichi" said the tax office
authorities today seized a Japanese
businessman's books in the home of
his concubine in Tokyo and discov-
ered he had evaded paying 9,222,000
yen in taxes in the past two years.
The paper said an informer told
he tax office that Kozo Yamada,
President of the floodlight manu-
facturing firm, had been falsifying his
books.

An informer gets 10 per cent of
taxes he collects in the tax office's drive
to increase tax collections.—United
Press.

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STERN GANG'S "REPRISAL"

Mining Of British Army Leave Train

Terrorists Boast Of Revenge

Jerusalem, Feb. 29.
The mining of the British leave train, in which 26 British soldiers were killed and 50 injured, was carried out by the Stern gang as "reprisal" for the explosion last Sunday in Jerusalem's Ben Yehuda Street, in which many Jews died. The Stern gang today sent messages to Hebrew newspapers boasting of their action.

Some of the soldiers injured in the explosion are seriously hurt and considered likely to die while a number are still missing and are believed to have been burned in the wreckage.

The mines were electrically detonated from the orange groves alongside the railway near the Jewish town of Rehovoth, 25 miles southeast of Tel-Aviv.

The force of the blast shattered the coaches, flung them off the rails and derailed the rest of the train.

A fourth mine was dealt with by Army engineers before it exploded.

It was not known if there were any civilian casualties and it was feared that the final death toll might be heavier.

A Jewish eyewitness said the shattered coaches were flung on both sides of the railway lines.

Jews Help

As darkness fell tonight, rescuers were still digging in the wreckage for victims. The rescue workers were guided by the cries of the injured buried and trapped under the wreckage.

A Jewish boy scout gave first aid to the injured and Jewish ambulances helped to transport the victims to the military hospital.

Wrecked telephone lines hampered the speedy summoning of help.

The outrage occurred as a military headquarters' proclamation issued here warned the population of Jerusalem that the British Army is prepared to use "weapons" more powerful than those available to the Arabs or the Jews to stop the Arab-Jewish fighting in the city.

Impartial

"In encounters of this kind where it is impossible to decide which side is the aggressor, the Army will therefore use its

Widow's Try For Record

Santa Paula, Calif., Feb. 29.
Comely Diane Converse Cyrus, 25-year-old war widow who flew her first plane five years ago, revealed today that she was seeking a backup for a solo three-day round-the-world flight.

She said she would fly her twin-engine A-26 converted bomber. She hopes to top off at least an hour from the 73 hours five minutes mark made by William P. Odom, although she would be flying an Equatorial route several thousand miles longer than Odom's.

Odom flew round the world last August in Milton Reynolds' Bombsell. —United Press.

ACCRA CURFEW

Accra, Feb. 29.
A 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. curfew was imposed here today as more police were drafted into Accra after yesterday's rioting in which two African ex-servicemen were killed and 29 injured. —Reuter.

Bootlegging In Heavy Water

Munich, Mar. 1.
Eleven men have been arrested on charges of "bootlegging" heavy water—used in atomic experiments.

Identify of the arrested men, some of whom were non-Germans, was kept secret. The authorities said this was because "further developments" are expected.

U.S. public safety officers confirmed that German police had smashed a ring of operators. American authorities are taking an interest in the grounds that the relation of heavy water to atomic energy lifts the case out of the local German category.

German police said that eight aluminium flasks of the precious liquid were salvaged from Norway in spite of the British wartime "Conquest" raids which smashed German testing equipment there.

They told this story: The flasks were brought to

Munich University in 1945. A science professor buried them in his garden. He was killed by a shell a few days later.

The professor's wife remembered the flasks two years later and last year made a deal to sell each flask for 40,000 marks (\$1,000).

A Yugo-Slav contact man turned a sample over to a Spanish chemist. He found the liquid to be genuine.

Recently, the German criminal police stumbled on the activities of the ring and one investigator posed as an interested Swiss. When the deal was made the operators were arrested.

The police also seized American radio sending and receiving equipment, valuable ball bearings and some oil paintings. —Associated Press.

LONGEST PHOTO CIRCUIT

London, Feb. 29.
The nationalised Cable and Wireless Company will tomorrow open the longest photo-telegraph circuit in the world—from London to Wellington, New Zealand.

Pictures, which will travel more than 28,800 kilometres by radio, will be automatically relayed through Colombo, Ceylon.

The pictures will reach their destination in 10 to 15 minutes. —Reuter.

New U.S. Export Controls

Washington, Feb. 29.
New export controls will be put into effect by the United States on Monday, tying in diplomatic and commercial aims.

The main objectives were described officially as to cushion the inflationary effect of foreign shipments on the U.S. economy and to "promote our foreign policy."

The new regulations, administered by the Commerce Department's Office of International Trade:

1—Require licences for all shipments to Europe of over \$100 value, whether or not the goods shipped are in short supply here.

2—Put the granting of licences to export short supply goods to any foreign country on a "competitive price" basis. Licences will be refused to exporters whose prices are considered too high.

The regulations are intended to support the European recovery programme and enable diversion of "essential" U.S. goods from Russia's Eastern Europe to the ERP Western European nations. —Associated Press.

Threat To U.S. Oil Supplies

Cairo, Mar. 1.
Saudi Arabia will cancel American oil concessions and order Americans out of the country immediately "when the Arab governments take a joint decision to cancel American concessions" Emir Faisal of Saudi Arabia told a Cairo newspaper yesterday.

Faisal, who is Foreign Minister of the oil-rich desert kingdom, discussed the situation arising from American support of Palestine partition in an interview with "Al Mistr" representative at the Saudi Arabian port of Jeddah.

Oil is Saudi Arabia's only resource.

Ayud Bey El Selh, Premier of the Lebanon told the Associated Press a few days ago that the Arab League has agreed to prevent the proposed American pipeline from Saudi Arabian oilfields to the Mediterranean from operating in any Arab state.

The Arab League comprises representatives of seven Arab Governments. —Associated Press.

BUTTER FOR DOENITZ

Berlin, Feb. 29.
Berlin press reports today said that ex-Admiral Doenitz, now serving a 10-year sentence at Spandau Prison here, had been given an additional small ration of butter due to his loss of weight.

The Russian-licensed newspaper, Tagesspiegel, Munich, said Doenitz would be given an additional 510 grammes of butter a fortnight to bring his weight to normal. —United Press.

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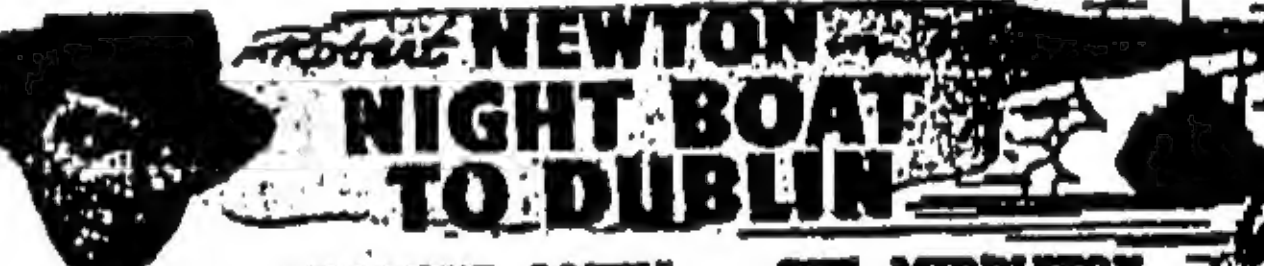
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DEATH.

TANG—On February 29, 1948, in a racing accident, Tang a racing driver, son of the late Mr. Tang Leung-chi. Aged 40 years. The funeral will leave the Hong Kong Funeral Parlour, Wanchai Road, to the Chinese Permanent Cemetery, Aberdeen, passing the Monument at Happy Valley, at 3.30 p.m.

LION-BAITING

A fortnight ago, in the House of Commons debate on foreign policy, Mr. Bevin made the interesting claim that Britain's relationship with practically the whole world was better now than ever before.

But what are the facts? Assume that the qualifying "practically" was an acknowledgment of Russia's rasping attitude to Great Britain—and that no title. What is left?

The Russian-dominated half of Europe daily reviles all that we stand for. A militant and influential minority in the United States accuses us of oppression in Palestine at a time when our soldiers there are murdered every week without retaliation.

Our affairs in the Middle East are disordered. Egyptian demonstrators call on us to abandon our legitimate interests in that area; in Iraq a treaty with us is repudiated.

And now Argentina, Chile, and, for light relief, Guatemala, all challenge our authority in lands that we have administered for a century.

The two former countries sent warships to Antarctica to back their campaigns, and calm any apprehension they might feel with the thought that Albania itself mined and murdered British sailors without retribution.

Mr. Bevin is not responsible for these things. He cannot control Mr. Molotov, Irgun Zvai Lemmi, or President Peron. But Mr. Bevin is grievously at fault for inviting a sagger at our expense.

Embarrassing

Dare we mention a point that appears to have been overlooked when legislation was placed on the local statute book making women eligible and liable for jury service?

Mixed juries were very far from men's thoughts when the Supreme Court was constructed and in consequence the available toilet facilities are not designed to cater adequately for the new conditions. Additional embarrassment arises when the jury retires to consider its verdict, since the Usher has taken an oath to keep all the members of the jury together and suffer no person to speak to them.

Two remedies suggest themselves. One, readily apparent, is that women should be provided with separate toilet arrangements. The other is that there should be a woman usher into whose charge the women members of the jury should be entrusted.

Large numbers of women are now carrying out jury service regularly, some of them spending two or three days in court. The present unsatisfactory arrangements cannot be tolerated indefinitely.

COMMITTED TO SABOTAGE

Greenock, Feb. 29. Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State, speaking at Greenock today, declared: "I say, measuring my words, that the Communist Party in Great Britain and Western Europe is committed to a calculated policy of sabotage."

Communist efforts aimed at chaos and misery, Mr. McNeill said, because only in such conditions could they hope to impose their will upon the social democratic people of Britain.—Reuter.

Ralph Izzard reports from India on a problem exercising all Christian minds.

Penra that the historic British churches in India will be abandoned and left derelict now that Britain's rule is over are groundless.

Most misapprehensions seem to have arisen over the fate of 240 churches formerly maintained by the Crown.

These, it may be pointed out, are merely a fraction of the churches spread throughout the country. Responsibility for maintenance in their case now devolves upon the Governments of India and Pakistan.

Preserve Them

It is naturally unfair to expect either Government to continue to pay for the upkeep of any churches which will obviously no longer be required. Those few (they are not very many out of the 240) will have to be abandoned.

A special committee headed by the Bishop of Calcutta and Metropolitan of the Church of India, Burma, and Ceylon, and including representatives of the British High Commissioners in India and Pakistan, is now examining the case of each of the 240 churches and will shortly make recommendations concerning them.

The committee's policy is to preserve rather than scrap; to determine whether, if a congregation no longer exists to support a church, the building can be used as, say, a hospital, school, or museum.

In no case, of course, will a church be surrendered for worship to any other but the Christian Faith.

Churches which inevitably must be abandoned are those situated in the remote garrison cantonments which will never see a British soldier again. An outstanding example is the little church at Razmak, Waziristan.

Now that even the Pakistan Army has withdrawn from this

100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

A very daring Street Robbery was perpetrated on Wednesday evening last, almost within a stone's throw of the Central Police Station in Wellington Street.

Mr. William Ellis was suddenly seized and thrown down by some miscreants, and with an expertness and dexterity rivaling that of the most finished London "cracksmen," or whatever other term the robber of the Pave is known by, robbed of a valuable gold watch and appendages, with which the robbers made clear off.

Mr. Ellis gave immediate information at the Police Station; but no trace of the watch or the thieves could be obtained through the officers of the establishment. The watch possessing more than intrinsic value to its owner, Mr. Ellis employed the only feasible plan to regain it—the employing of a Chinese agency, in which he was successful. Two men have been taken up on suspicion, and we trust the robbery will be brought home to them.

On a former similar occasion, we inadvertently on the very inefficient Police force at the command of the Superintendent and his deputy—men who crawl along their several beats more asleep than awake, their huge, ill-fitting boots and shoes apparently a burthen to them—men that an active, supple Chinaman would distance in a hundred yards.

With the hordes of vagabonds which we have congregated in the Lower Bazaar, such robberies will become daily more common until we have an efficient, stout, active body of men to be our guardians. And surely with the Police rates the community is called on to pay, a more powerful and efficient force should be at its service?

The A-1 Fast-sailing American ship "Charles Cooper," Captain Cutts, will be despatched about the 5th for Singapore and Calcutta. The "Iris," Captain Dobson, 250 tons, has the greater part of her cargo alongside, and will have immediate despatch for Shanghai. She has first-class accommodation for passengers.

INDIA STILL WANTS THESE CHURCHES

Ralph Izzard Reports From India On a problem which is exercising all Christian minds

sector of the North-West Frontier Tribal Territory and left Razmak to the mercy of fanatical Moslem Waziris and Mahsuds. It is questionable whether the district, let alone the church, will ever see another Christian.

A small number of other remote garrison churches, many of them unconsecrated in order that they might serve all denominations, will share the same fate.

Not, possibly, the historic little garrison church at Meerut, where there must still be a sizeable community of Anglo-Indians and Indian Christians, the latter the now-workless servants of British officers formerly stationed there.

It was in this church that British troops were surprised at prayers at the moment the Indian Mutiny broke out in 1857. From that date it had become traditional for British troops stationed in Meerut to take with them their rifles, for which notches were provided in the prayer-book racks.

Like A Fort

In spite of this now unfortunate association with what is currently known here as "The First Indian War of Independence," I noticed with pleasure as I passed through Meerut the other day that the church had very recently been freshly painted and decorated.

A church which comes very near the "no further use" category is big, blunt St. Mary's in Delhi Cantonment. It looks like a fort, and although it was not built to serve as such in times of emergency, most people think it was.

St. Mary's past parishioners were almost exclusively soldiers of the British garrison; when the last British troops to leave the capital—the Royal Scots Fusiliers and the East Lancs—pulled out last December, they left their bungalows and lines round the church to be occupied by Madras Sappers and Miners and Nepalese of the 6th Gurkha Rifles.

Skinner's Church

The British community still here is served by at least two famous churches—the Church of the Redemption, standing next to the Viceroy's (now the Governor General's) House, in New Delhi, which although recently built has already seen Thanksgiving Services on many state occasions—and historic St. James's, in Old Delhi.

The latter was built by an Anglo-Indian, Colonel James Skinner, founder of the renowned Skinner's Horse. St. Mary's, although now deserted, is likely to be revived and converted into a museum.

India, of course, possesses many churches of great historical interest, and the Department of Archaeology of the Government of India has already gladly consented to take care of them.

The most famous, if only by right of age, is that of St. Mary's, in Fort Saint George, Madras. This church is claimed to be the oldest British church in Asia. It was founded in 1680 and followed completion of the Fort, commenced in 1640.

Here Robert Clive was married, and regular church attendants included, later, the then Duke of Wellington, and earlier, Elihu Yale, Governor of Madras in 1687 and founder of Yale University in America.

He was founder by virtue of his having supplied thirty to forty books for the library and three trunks of valuables assessed at £800, in answer to a boxgiving letter from Boston, Massachusetts, addressed to his home town of Boston, England, whether he had retired after his term of office in India.

A silver alms dish, presented to St. Mary's by Elihu, is still in use. The church also contains a fine painting of Last Supper attributed to the school of Raphael, who may himself have painted the middle part.

The roof of this church was built two feet thick to resist French cannon-balls, for the Fort in which it stands was once taken by the French and once besieged unsuccessfully by them.

Solid Defence

At that time, tombstones in the graveyard, including that of the wife of Alan, Baker, first Governor of Madras, who died in 1682, were uprooted in order to make a solid platform for the defenders' guns.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Well, believe me you're gonna have to collect more than this if you're gonna bring me that electric train you promised me down at Stacy's last week!"

Solving The Riddle Of The Universe

One clear night in the next three months an astronomer called Edwin Hubble will look 1,000,000,000 light-years into the universe through the greatest telescope ever built.

This new eye of science is now going through a final check-up on Palomar Mountain, California.

Hubble, who is America's most distinguished star-gazer, will see twice as far as man has seen before—or a mileage of 5,865,696 with 15 noughts following.

Every astronomer and physicist from the back-garden

and the Dominions. All such graves are regularly inspected and kept in order.

Indian Christians (including those in Pakistan) now number more than six millions; to them one may add 140,000 Anglo-Indians.

Faithful Clergy

European members of the Christian Church here, in their hey-day, can seldom have numbered more than 167,000, a mere fraction of the whole.

India will remain well served with clergy; the latest figures I have available (1939) show that Indian clergy then already outnumbered Europeans by two to one in both the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches, and it is, of course, a foregone conclusion that very many of the European clergy will choose to remain here.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

THREE WAYS TO LOSE

There are three ways in which it is possible for psychic bids to damage your side. First and most obvious is the risk of misleading your partner and getting your side into a bad contract. Second is the chance that the opponents will see through it and hence inflict severe punishment on your side. Third, and equally if not more important, is the danger of misleading your partner in later deals. Knowing you as one possibly deservingly in mistrust, he may doubt some perfectly sound bid of yours and therefore steer the pair into a spot something worse than the best.

S. K. Q
H. 7 6 2
D. K. Q 9 8 4
C. K. 6 5
S. 10 9 6 3
H. A. K. O
9 1
D. 2
C. J. 9 4
S. A. 8 7 5 2
H. 3
D. J. 10 7 6 5 3
C. A

(Dealer: North, East-West vulnerable.)
North East South West
Pass Pass 1 D 1 H
2 D 2 H 2 S 3 H
4 D 4 H 4 S

North, who had originally passed a hand, on which he might have opened, studied it, knew very well the natural meaning of South's bidding, proceeded—dumbly—the diamond suit was the longer because bid first; and that the spades were nevertheless at least five cards; because they were rebid. In brief, South had shown "almost surely" 11 diamonds and five spades, in which event the

diamonds would constitute the safer spot in which to play the hand, especially since there could not be more than a total of two cards between hearts and clubs in South's hand. Furthermore, the fact that South opened should show the equivalent of two aces.

But North knew South as an habitual user of psyches, especially in third hand position when the opponents were vulnerable and he was not. In view of that, and his own great diamond holding, North decided that South might have pitched the diamond suit, with possibly not a diamond in his hand. So, after plenty of debate with himself, North passed the 4-Spades instead of "taking out" 5-Diamonds.

Against heart leads on all occasions, this contract was impossible in view of West's holding of four trumps. He had a trump left after South's were gone, so beat it with a final couple of heart tricks. You will notice that 5-Diamonds would have been cold, tricks being lost to only the two red aces.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. 10 4 2
H. A. 10
D. K. Q J 10 5 4
C. A
S. 9 7 6 3
H. 4 3 2
D. 9 8 7 3
C. J 7
S. Q. J
H. Q. 9 6
D. None
C. A. Q. 10 6 5 3 2

(Dealer: East, East-West vulnerable.)
Why is the spade a bad play on the opening lead—is the K against South's 5-No. Trumps?

watcher to Einstein expects to find proof of pet theories about the universe when the findings from Palomar are revealed.

Sir Harold Spencer Jones, Britain's Astronomer Royal, told me some of the things which the Palomar "eye" is expected to prove—or disprove.

Search For Stars

The main research will be the study of distant galaxies and groups of stars, and Sir Harold expects that this will show proof that the universe is "finite."

Astronomers feel that there is a limit to the universe, but that it has no definable physical boundary—a difficult proposition for the layman to understand, but Sir Harold explains it this way:

"There may be other universes beyond our own. But the light from them can never be seen because of some unknown barrier which is the end of our universe."

It is hoped that the finite-without-a-boundary theory will be proved by counting groups of stars visible in the part of the universe man will now be able to explore.

It has been found that the groups are distributed evenly, but a thinning-out is suspected beyond the 500,000,000-light-year limit.

If this is found to be true it will also help to prove more complicated theories about curved light and space.

Sir Harold, who hopes to go to California himself, says: "Palomar will also be used for work on determining the nature of stars which are bright to the eye."

"Because of the large reflector, it will be possible to determine what are their properties as easily as we can tell the sun's now."

Search For Life

Mars, Venus, and Jupiter are the planets which astronomers want to know about. They believe there is vegetation on Mars—but not men—and that Palomar will prove this to be so.

Venus, which is the planet most like the earth in size, is believed to have an atmosphere which is dry. Yet clouds have been seen.

It is now thought that instead of being made of water vapour they are of the chemical formaldehyde (which is used on earth in disinfectants and for preserving bottles).

Jupiter has got some puzzling spots and queer colours in its atmosphere which astronomers have been discussing for years.

They may have to debate for several years more, because the study and proof of the mysteries of the universe will take a long time.

But they have waited 20 years for the Palomar telescope to be built. The most important part is the 200-in. curved glass dish, which weighs 20 tons and had to be polished and ground so that there was not the smallest scratch of flaw on it.

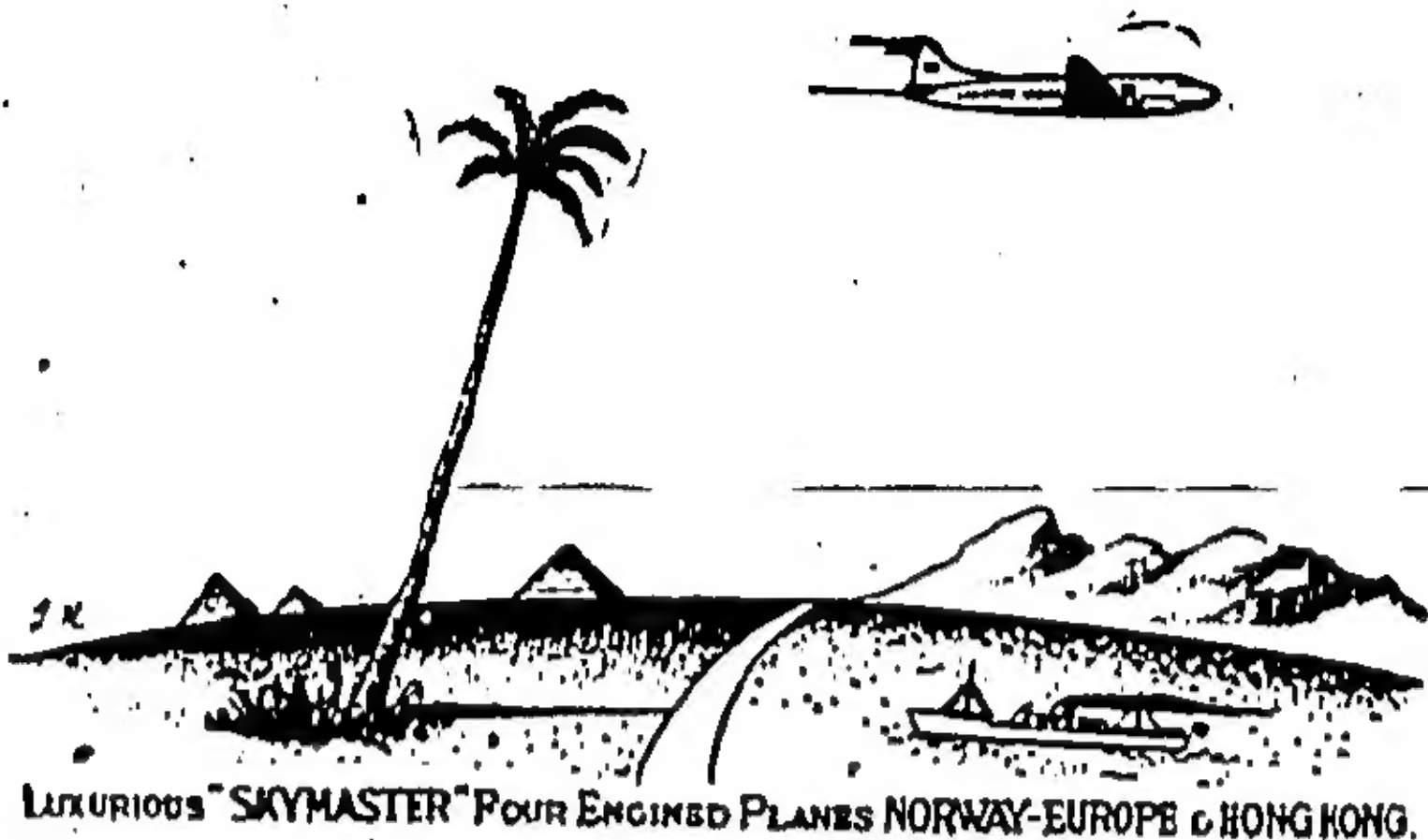
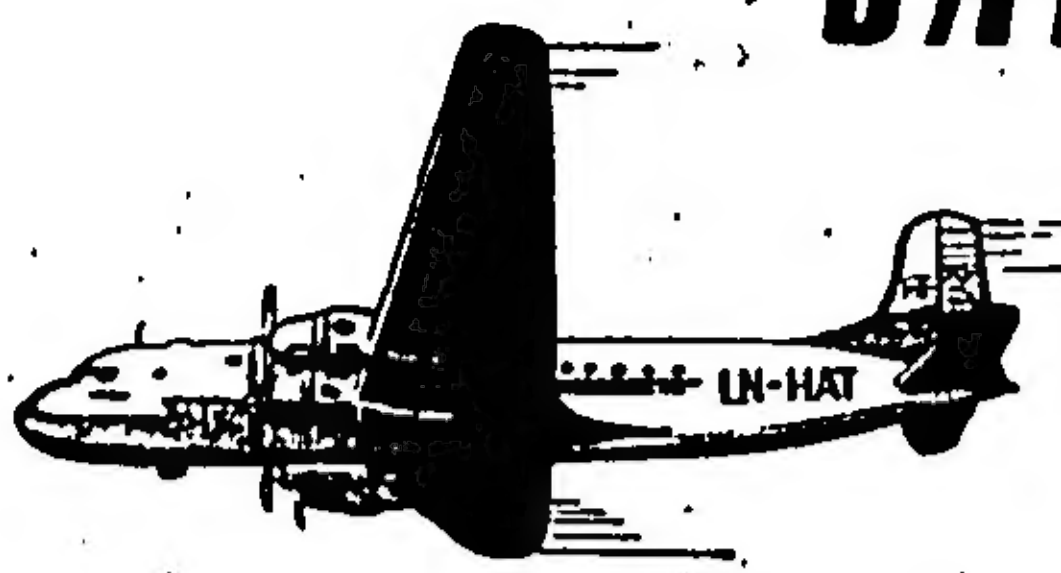
Modern astronomy is chiefly a study of photographs on super-sensitive plates, which collect the light gathered from stars billions of miles away.

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U.S. PULLING NO PUNCHES

Stinging Denunciation Of Communism

Danger Of Global Revolution

Washington, Feb. 29.

The House Foreign Affairs sub-committee today called on the United States to take the lead in fencing off Communist Russia from the non-Communist world or face a "violent" global revolution.

The Committee issued a long report called "The Strategy and Tactics of World Communism" as the Senate President, Arthur Vandenberg, prepared to open a Congressional debate on the European recovery programme.

It added up in one of the most stinging denunciations of the Red philosophy objectives ever handed out by an arm of the Federal Government and drew these "simple conclusions of the Soviet policy":

1. The Communists have one goal—world revolution.

2. The assumption that the revolution will be violent.

3. They are incapable of accepting the idea that peace can endure from now on and they expect one more catastrophic war.

The report did not stop with that indictment. It warned Americans that they are playing with "loaded dice" when they join "international groups" used by the Communists to advance their ends.

Infiltration

It added that the Communists have infiltrated into labour groups, or organizations lowering civil rights and clean politics movements and liberal groups of all kinds.

The Committee is headed by Representative Frances P. Bolton (Republican, Ohio) and its report came on the 10th anniversary of the "Communist Manifesto," the touchstone of the Soviet policy. Its ambition for world Communism is an all-out effort to establish an economically strong non-Communist bloc between the United States and including Western Europe, China, Near East and the Western Hemisphere.

Vandenberg is expected to take a similar tack when he formally speaks on the \$1,000,000,000 European recovery programme before the Senate.

Urgent

He hopes that the Senate can vote on the plan by March 15. He said quick action is even more urgent in view of the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia and new pressure on Finland.

After the recovery programme is disposed of, Vandenberg's Senate Foreign Relations Committee will be.

Yalta Was A Second Munich

Paris, Feb. 29.

M. Gaston Palewski, General de Gaulle's "right hand man" and a former executive of his Rally of the French people, said at Bayonne, south-western France, today that the wartime Yalta was a "Second Munich"—and the Communist seizure of power in Czechoslovakia was its aftermath.

To counteract the "Soviet expansion which threatened the world's peace," he suggested the inauguration of a European federation capable of re-establishing prosperity and creating a strategically solid bloc.

He urged his hearers to "hasten the accession of the Rally of the French People to power in France by demanding the dissolution of the present National Assembly and the elimination of the Third Force (the grouping of Centrist parties), which has taken the wrong road."—Reuter.

PRAGUE COUP CONDEMNED

Paris, Feb. 29.

A resolution condemning the "coup d'etat committed in Prague against democracy and the installation of a minority dictatorship" was passed tonight by the National Committee of the Popular Republican (MRP) Party.

The Committee adopted another resolution pledging support to the Prime Minister, M. Robert Schuman, for his "courage and disinterestedness in vigorously pursuing the economic restoration of France and his fight against rising prices."—Reuter.

GENERAL KILLED

Baden, Feb. 29.

General Francois Sover, Deputy Commander of the French occupation forces in Germany, was killed today in a hunting accident. German news agency messages said, quoting a French military government announcement, that

HE GAMBLLED HIMSELF AWAY

Shanghai, Mar. 1.
Yao Chang set a new standard for the Chinese passion for gambling. He gambled away his money, clothes and, finally, himself.

The youth came out of a 24-hour gambling session heavily in debt. His creditors suggested he volunteer for military service "for a price" in place of another who had been drafted and did not want to go.

Yao is now in the Army. His creditors get CN\$30,000.—Associated Press.

Whistles To Celebrate

Buenos Aires, Feb. 29.

All Argentina's 3,200 locomotives will halt for five minutes at 6.55 p.m. (local time) tomorrow and blow a long blast on their whistles to mark the formal transfer of the British-owned railway system to Argentine control.

As Senor Miguel Miranda, who negotiated the \$150 million deal, raises the Argentine flag over the main railway station here, the President of Argentina, General Juan Peron, will give the signal to the country's oldest engine driver to sound the whistle of "La Pasiona"—a pioneer steam locomotive.

Argentine ships, wherever they may be, and factories will join in the triumphal blast while church bells toll.

Thousands of people will crowd the station and the adjoining Plaza Britanica for the elaborate ceremony.—Reuter.

"NO THIRD ROAD FOR CHINA TO FOLLOW"

Shanghai, March 1.

The only hope of salvation for China, which is now facing the most serious crisis in her history, lay in the successful prosecution of an anti-Communist suppression campaign, declared General Wu Te-chen, Secretary-General of the Kuomintang and Vice-President of the Legislative Yuan, in an address here yesterday afternoon before a large gathering of Shanghai-trained militia cadets.

The Chinese people—particularly the Chinese youth—must understand the nation is in a serious crisis, General Wu told the audience.

"Today there are only two roads open: one leads to salvation and national reconstruction guided by the Three People's Principles and the other leads to destruction under roving Communists who are sure to bring disaster to the nation and the people."

"Should we take the wrong road China would degenerate into the status of a member of a totalitarian state in exactly the same manner as satellite countries in Eastern Europe have become today."

Red Tools

"There is no third road for us to follow. The so-called middle line is actually a line of vacillation. Furthermore some of the people who are advocating a middle line have become tools of the Communists. They fail to realize

REJECTED SUDAN PROPOSAL

Cairo, Feb. 29.

The Egyptian Cabinet tonight rejected British proposals for the "Sudanisation" of the Sudan, it was authoritatively understood.—Reuter.

Plan For Japan Recovery

Washington, Feb. 29.

A US\$500,000,000 economic recovery programme for Japan was proposed today by a House Foreign Affairs Committee consultant.

In a report to the Committee, William Montgomery McGovern called Japan "the bastion of pro-American sympathy and ideology in the Far East."

He said that "as long as it remains reasonably prosperous it forms a bulwark against Communism. It has an importance to the Far East not unlike Germany for Europe."

McGovern, Professor of Political Science at Northwestern University, toured the Orient for the Committee last year. The Committee has not acted on his report.

McGovern also recommended financial aid to China for economic recovery. He estimated US\$600,000,000 to US\$800,000,000 would be needed over a three to four year period.—Associated Press.

VD Rampant In Japan Force

Sydney, Feb. 29.

B. J. McDonald, Federal President of the Legion of Ex-Servicemen, today said that an Australian soldier who had served in the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces in Japan had made a statement that a large proportion of Australian troops in Japan had venereal disease.

Mr. McDonald said the soldier declared in a sworn statement that out of 8,000 Australians in Japan, between 30 and 50 men were admitted to hospital daily with venereal disease. The soldier alleged that officers to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and one padre were treated for the disease.

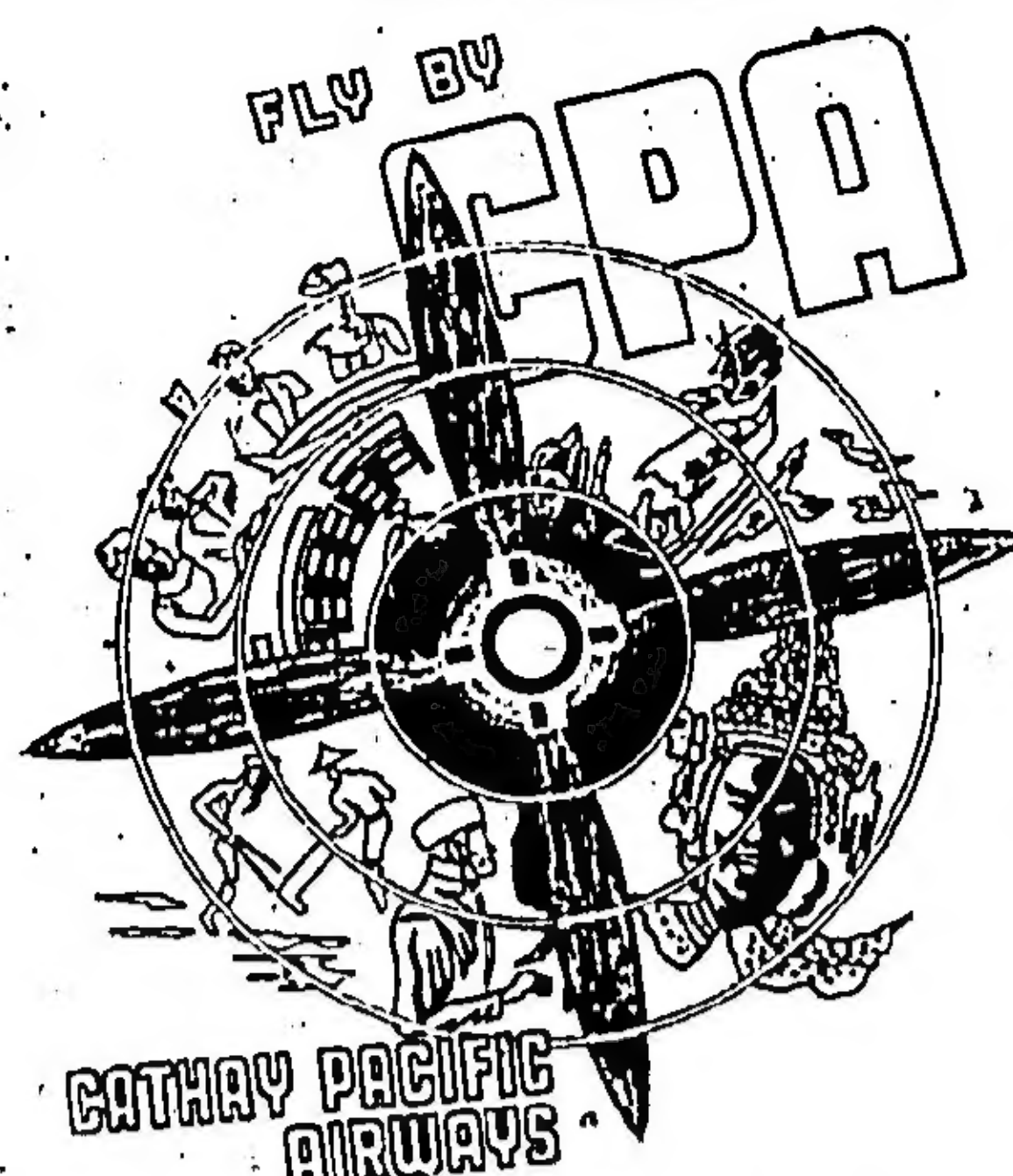
Mr. McDonald said that on the troopship in which the soldier returned to Australia, 611 of the 900 Australian soldiers had contracted venereal disease in Japan.—United Press.

ROYAL COUPLE IN PARIS

Paris, Feb. 29.

Ex-King Michael of Rumania and Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma arrived in Paris today by road from Lausanne.—Reuter.

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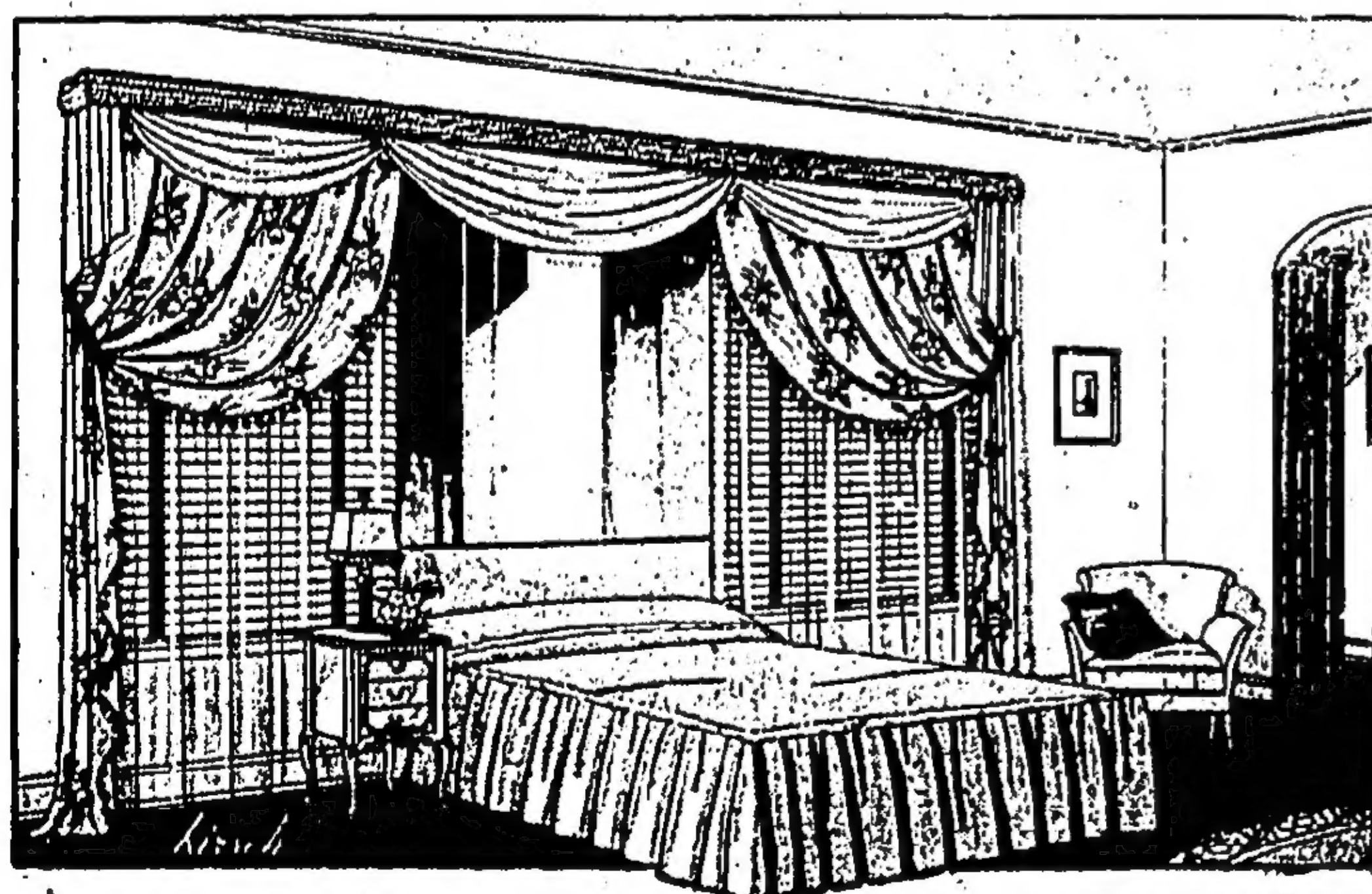
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Woman Today

Alix Lamotte Goes The Rounds
Of Paris And Tells You

WHAT THE FRENCH DRESS DESIGNERS ARE SHOWING

Paris has been waiting anxiously to know what Christian Dior would produce for his spring collection. Now we know. He has retained the same line, but simplified it so that today it is younger, more buoyant, and more becoming. Dior has introduced the "flying" line, with the fullness swept from front to back, giving a windswept look.

Shoulders are soft. The waists in this collection are still "strangled" in curved black patent leather belts, but the hips remain natural without padding, and for daytime the skirt length is twelve inches from the ground.

Coats have a distinct "Eiffel Tower" silhouette, narrow on the shoulders and very wide at the hem. Tailored suits consist of jackets, softly bloused like a peasant's and flaring out into a basque in front.

Dior divided afternoon dresses into two kinds—those with a "starched" stiffness and those with soft, flowing lines. The former are lined from the waist downwards with coarse tailor's canvas which gives them a dancing doll effect.

Except for some narrow evening dresses, where the neck and shoulders emerge from a petal-like décolleté, the fullness in this spring collection begins below the hips. Bodices are unimportant and interest is concentrated overwhelmingly on the skirt. The hems of many dresses are irregular. Dior's hats are swept completely to one side of the head and with their wings and feathers add a final "flying" line to the collection.

Mohamud has achieved his most beautiful collection for



A GARMENT OF MANY COLOURS.—This evening gown made of scraps of 31 different shades of silk crepe was presented by Paris designer Jacques Fath to draw attention to French dressmakers' complaints of lack of silk. Fath claimed it would be "the most beautiful dress in the world" if he could have made it all in one colour. Lacking dollars, he says the French dress industry can't get enough silk. He says the French "should be able to get silk from American stockpiles and pay for it in 'esthetic services'."

many years, happily inspired by the French Impressionist paintings of Manet and Renoir, of which he is a connoisseur. Shoulders of his models are rounded, waists tiny and hips accentuated. Tailored jackets are short, with floating basques, and button down the front to fit the figure very closely. Afternoon dresses are often gathered to show taffeta or broderie-anglaise petticoats beneath. The Kate Greenaway influence also appears, with mannequins carrying umbrellas in pink organdie or tартan to match little booties.

Paquin showed a fairy-like collection with dresses long and full. Collars of evening models in tulle or chiffon are delightful: in one striking frock three different tones of grey were married with three shades of pink.

Lanvin replaces tailored suits with pastel jersey dresses. For afternoon there are navy

woollen ensembles. Evening crinolines are trimmed with enormous satin belts ending in a huge bow at one side.

Balenciaga is the only designer who has raised the waistline. Alone among the new models his sleeves are not kimono-shaped, and his shoulders are slightly padded. Coats of brightly coloured woollens are tremendously wide.

Waistline

Botmain deliberately neglects the wide skirt for day wear. His dresses are "definitely sheathlike, falling to twelve inches from the ground. He uses many small buttons, purely for ornament. The influence of his recent journey round the world is shown in glazed-chintz dresses printed with bright flower designs and in the clusters of exotic flowers worn behind the ear with some models.

Exit The Padded Hips

Dior created the New Look. Now he breaks it wide open.

Designers who gambled on the hope that he would retain his Paris hips of last year are now counting their losses.

These are the facts: the waist remains small, and slightly higher, but all padding has been removed.

Christian Dior used to draw fashion sketches for the Graphic. He is a former member of the Kemsley staff in Paris. Now, as the "man in the news" in the Avenue Montaigne he has revolutionised fashion. In the past year he has shattered the Hollywood wardrobe by changing the feminine silhouette.

How does he do it—these changes? He looks out of his window and watches people. The workman's apron accounts for the big, black, pleated aprons for women among his new styles.

Hong Kong Council Women Are Civic-Minded

By

MARGARET BRADBURY

Making an earnest bid to arouse interest among the women of the Colony towards civic activities and public affairs is the Hong Kong Council of Women. Formed last August by a few members of the local community, the Council now has a total of well over a hundred members, including a large number of businesswomen occupying full time positions in the Colony.

The Council's Executive Committee has divided them into six sectional committees, and three sub-committees, which function among the various departments of the Hong Kong Government Administration by attending their meetings and discussing topical problems. Perhaps the most important of them is the Public Health Sectional Committee of the Council which is made up of a group of its women members who in their spare time conduct enquiries into matters affecting public health work and disseminate literature on health, maternity, child welfare and clinics. Its Housing Committee which examines the general conditions of accommodation in the Colony, considers among itself all housing problems with a view to improving conditions by periodic reports to the Council.

Local Industry

Other divisions of the Council women members include a section which is active towards local industry. They investigate (and where possible) promote improvement of industrial conditions for women and children and also collect information and distribute knowledge about them.

The Council's committee of International Affairs and the Promotion of Peace collects and disseminates information regarding the work of the United Nations Organisation and all societies which are at present working for peace. Another sectional Committee devotes its free time to

Public Service and Legislation and it is the duty of members appointed to this group to watch the administration of legislation with a view to securing efficient working, suggest improvements, follow the administration of law in the courts, and bring into touch with one another women engaged in public service. They also consider and report to the Executive Committee on Orders

in Council and other forms of proposed legislation and the promotion of new laws "for the purpose of forming resolutions to be sent to the Government."

The Council's chairman, yesterday explained that the three sub-committees, as distinct from the sectional committees, are dissolved when their work is completed. Most interesting of these, and one which might have an important future bearing on the lives of many women who find themselves in the Colony's law courts is the Poor Persons' Legal Aid Service. A group of women is at present studying this subject in detail with a view to finding a working resolution which could be put in practice in the Colony.

Affiliation

The Hong Kong Council of Women hopes in time to become affiliated with the International Women's Council, when its activities and decisions will be exchanged internationally at the annual meetings of this world-wide body.

In the meantime, through lectures and other methods, it hopes to get an informed public

opinion fostered among the women of the Colony. In an interview yesterday the Council's Secretary said: "We are glad to receive any members of the community of women who are over 18 and able to read and write, whether or not they have any great knowledge of public and international affairs. We will advise them in that direction." Adding that the newly made Women Justices of the Peace have all been invited to become members of the Council, the Secretary continued: "It doesn't matter how short a period a woman may expect to stay in the Colony, we should be interested in her becoming a member, and especially any woman who has special professional training which would be useful in the capacity of advising our various committees."

Another object which the Executive Committee have at present in view, is affiliating all organisations in the Colony whose work is in harmony with the Council. This they feel would be of great value in promoting better informed women in social work and activities, outside their own.

The Objects

Objects of the Hong Kong Council of Women:

1. To promote the social, civil, educational, moral and religious welfare of the community, and the establishment of human rights.
2. To promote such conditions of life as will assure to every child an opportunity for full and free development.
3. To work for the removal of all disabilities for women, whether legal, social or economic.
4. To collect and re-distribute information of service to the community.
5. To co-ordinate organisations in harmony with these purposes.
6. To form a link with other Councils of Women through the International Council of Women.

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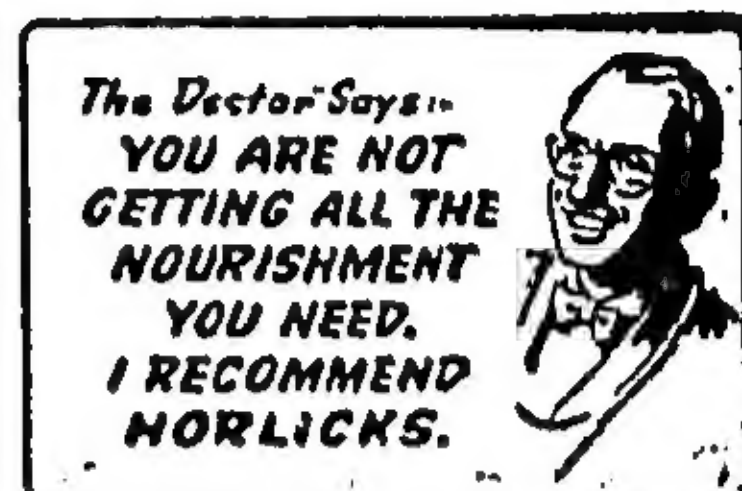
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A REPORTER IN AMERICA

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Every prospect is carefully built to please (if you can manage to ignore—which most people can—a small clot of vile reality in the shape of a fetid, wooden-shackled Negro quarter).

Palm Beach is artificial from the ground up, and Miami from even lower.

Isles Of Illusion

For in Miami they build circular concrete walls in the shallows and pump sand in and manufacture themselves islands.

Then they can, and do, turn the islands into super-Venetian garden-cities. They can have it exactly as they want.

There are no natural features to bother the architects. It is all as machine-made as a fountain pen.

And the exotic luxury they have achieved is fabulous. Grass grows in places where nature never intended a blade to be seen.

The houses are equipped with comforts at extreme that you wonder how anyone ever thought of needing them. You find golf clubs like Hollywood monasteries with locker-rooms like converted cathedrals.

Life drifts by in a lazy haze of palm-shaded swimming pools and brown bodies on white beaches and cocktails under striped umbrellas and dinner-parties on flowery terraces and elusively music beneath the stars.

And at first it is pretty hard to adjust one's mind to it—to get it into proportion.

It is all too easy to be cruel and cynical about it—to call it ostentatious and materialistic and plutocratic.

But—it is the highest notion of a standard of living in a country which is dedicated to a high standard of living.

And you realize very soon

That leaves you comfortably off, of course. But it will take you quite a long time to save up and become a millionaire—especially if you live well in the meantime.

The Republican Party, which has been in opposition for 16 years, is bitterly against this state of affairs.

The Republicans believe devoutly that America's greatness

They want Palm Beach to be an attainable vision in every American home. Americans, they say, must be allowed to spend their own money instead of the Government spending it for them. And because that isn't happening now, Palm Beach is getting a little middle-aged.

The place is full of tired, excited couples who have taken so long to make their fortune that they have barely left themselves time to spend it.

There is still a fabulous amount of money about. Miami is still manufacturing new islands. Glittering new skyscraper-hotels are still going up.

Florida (unless you prefer Southern California) still remains the ultimate realization of the American standard-of-living dream, the super-playground of the richest nation in the world.

By ALEXANDER CLIFFORD

that there is nothing decadent or shamefaced about it.

Theirs One Day

Palm Beach and Miami are products of the incalculable vigour and riches of America—the glittering froth which rises to the top of this throbbing cauldron of pioneering energy and vast dreams.

They are a fantastic surplus which America still has left over, after breaking all world records in war expenditure and peace expenditure and foreign loans and foreign charities, to say nothing of the Marshall Plan.

That is why you find envy, but not bitterness, in the men who drive taxis and serve drinks and mow lawns and clean swimming pools and carry golf clubs and construct islands in Palm Beach and Miami.

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and prosperity depend on the forces of initiative and competition and desire to make big money.

And they are going into next autumn's elections with a policy of no controls, no Government interference, low taxes, and freedom to make fortunes.

Strikers Shut Down Port Of Brisbane

Brisbane, Mar. 1.
Dock workers and seamen today shut down the port of Brisbane. They threatened that no ship would be able to enter or leave "until the government capitulates to the railwaymen" who have been on strike for three weeks.

The Queensland Government, which declared a state of emergency in an effort to get the 10,000 striking rail workers back, admitted that its back to work movement met with "poor response." Only six trains ran today from the Ipswich yards where the dispute over pay increases originated.

All Queensland police were called out to protect the few workers who showed up to man the trains, but the crowd which gathered around the yards caused no trouble.

The men demanded raises ranging from 11 to 16 shillings a week but refused a Government offer to take their case to the arbitration court.

Dock workers said they would

halt shipping along the Queensland coast unless the Government lifted its state of emergency. Food supplies to northern towns cut off by the rail strike have been diverted by coastal shipping.

Sydney, Too

Meanwhile, it was reported that the portage staff at the Darling harbour freight depot in Sydney refused today to handle freight to and from Queensland.

Darling harbour is the central rail distributing centre for New South Wales. The porters' "hands-off" decision marks the first inter-state extension of the Queensland labour trouble.

—United Press.

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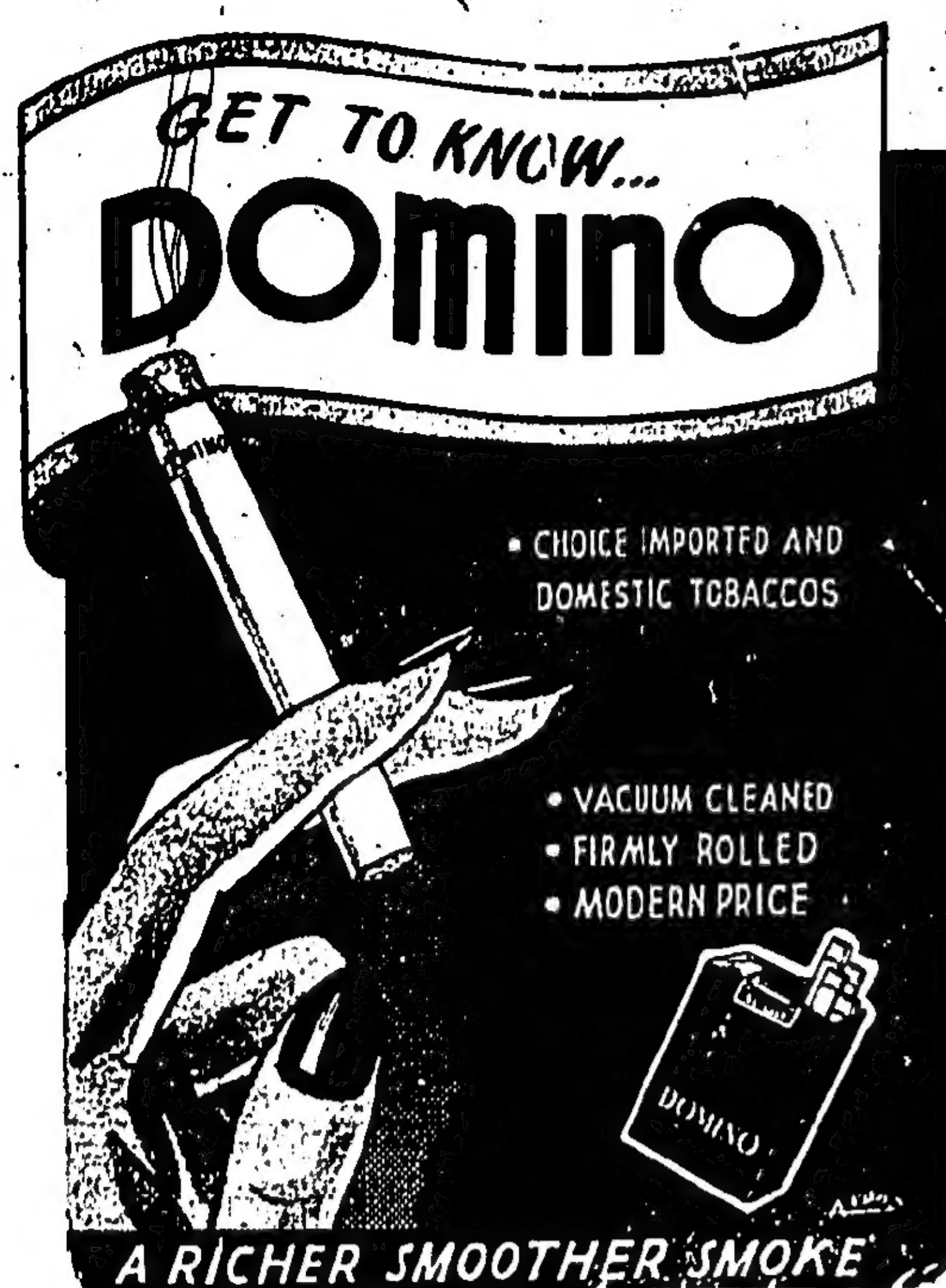
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RUSSIAN CONSOLIDATION Czechs Extending System Of Alliance

"No Time To Lose" --- Schuman

Paris, Feb. 29. The Premier, M. Robert Schuman, tonight said that France, in the military sense, "was behind and had no time to lose."

Addressing a national rally of the Popular Republican Party, M. Schuman added: "I do not speak because there is a particular urgency, but because there is always an urgency in this respect."

He described France as one of the last bastions of civilisation, declaring: "It is not enough for us to draw another iron curtain to guarantee our security."

"Uncertainty prevails everywhere. Anything may happen. Nothing is inevitable either within this country or outside."

"We must not show exaggerated pessimism but we must anticipate everything."

"We must keep our eyes open beyond our frontiers and in this respect I do not judge European affairs only in relation to the USSR."

"We know that in France we must exert to restore well-being to our country. By social peace and justice we shall present the most effective opposition to Communism."—Reuter.

Children's Relief Appeal

Nanking, Mar. 1. The China Committee of the United Nations appeal for children decided at its inaugural meeting yesterday afternoon to raise a sum of CN\$100,000 million within the coming three months for child relief.

The feature of the meeting was an appeal by Madame Chiang Kai-shek to China to do her part "to the utmost of her ability." She said that of 300,000,000 destitute children in the world 24,000,000 lived in China and said the citizens of China should awaken to their personal obligation in this matter.

After instancing a recent United Nations appropriation for children's welfare in China, Madame Chiang said: "I am sure you will agree with me that we should not always be on the receiving end. Let us remember. It is more blessed to give than to receive."

She assured that every cent raised would be distributed among needy children irrespective of race, creed and nationality or political belief.—Reuter.

"Collaboration" With West

Paris, Feb. 29. New steps towards consolidation of the Russian bloc of Eastern European states were promised by M. Vladimir Clementis, Czechoslovak Deputy Foreign Minister, in a message today to l'Humanite, the French Communist newspaper.

M. Clementis stated: "We have the intention within the next few weeks of completing our system of alliance by signing treaties, particularly with Bulgaria and Rumania."

"Nothing has changed our desire to collaborate with the Western States by concluding bilateral agreements with them in the realm of national sovereignty."

Of future events in Czechoslovakia, M. Clementis said: "The new system will not cause any fundamental changes. The new Gottwald Cabinet will realise, as rapidly as possible, the programme which it planned and whose realisation was confided to it by the last elections."

"We will continue with these free elections, which will take place on a date to be fixed by the law."

"In the domain of exterior policy, we will continue to rely on our treaties of alliances, which have been directed against the possibility of a renaissance of Germany or of any of Germany's allies, no matter who they may be."

The Paris paper l'Ordre today published an interview with M. Jan Masaryk, Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, who said: "Czechoslovakia is and remains a democratic state which wishes lasting peace. We do not wish Europe to be divided into two camps."

A Denial

Reports published in Paris that the British, American and French military attaches in Prague had been told by General Svoboda, Czech Minister of National Defence, that their presence in Prague was undesirable were denied by the Czechoslovak Embassy here today.

The denial said the military attaches had not been interrogated by General Svoboda, nor had the question of an anti-Czech plot been discussed with them.—Reuter.

Flare Hit Plane

London, Feb. 29. One engine of a Swiss Dakot aircraft, carrying 14 passengers from Zurich, was hit by a flare when coming in to land at fog-bound Northolt Airport, London, today.

The pilot's prompt action in switching off the engine and landing on one engine prevented the possibility of fire breaking out.

No one was hurt. An official of the ground contact caravan, thinking the Dakota's undercarriage was going to hit the caravan roof, was said to have fired the red flare which lodged itself in the port engine and narrowly missed the oil pipe.—Reuter.

Mosley Gathering Ends In Uproar

London, Feb. 29. Police tonight dispersed in uproar a North London meeting called by supporters of the new Union Movement organised by Sir Oswald Mosley, former leader of the British Union of Fascists.

Five arrests were made. The meeting, which was to have inaugurated an electioneering campaign in support of Union Movement candidates to be nominated for local council elections, only lasted 10 minutes. Mounted and foot police intervened.

U.S. TO ADMIT REFUGEES?

Washington, Feb. 29. The admission of 100,000 European refugees into the United States over a two-year period, starting on July 1 this year, is recommended by a majority report of a five-man United States Senate Judiciary subcommittee, due to be published tomorrow.—Reuter.

MONTY VISIT TO BELGIUM

London, Feb. 29. Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, will visit the Belgian Army from March 31 to April 2, the War Office announced tonight.

During his stay, which is at the invitation of the Belgian Government, he will see various Belgian Army training establishments and on the return journey on April 3 will visit Ostend, where he will receive the Freedom of the city.—Reuter.

Hurricanes Hit Mediterranean

Valetta, Feb. 29. Tempestuous seas and gales of hurricane force, which almost brought the British Mediterranean Fleet to a standstill for three days during exercises, have driven a Newcastle merchantman, the Wallsend, aground at Cap Bon, on the northeastern tip of Tunisia.

The British cruiser Phoebe was standing by the Wallsend, whose crew was in no immediate danger.

The gale tonight continued unabated in its fury. Members of the Ricasoli lighthouse, at the entrance to Malta Grand Harbour, have been marooned for three days by the huge waves crashing astride the breakwater, which is the only contact with the mainland.

Two British troopships, the 20,174-ton Franconia and the 19,118-ton Arundel Castle, which reached Malta waters on Saturday, have not been able to enter the Grand Harbour owing to the high seas.

Slight damage was caused to units of the British Fleet which, encountering gales and huge seas while exercising in the Western Mediterranean during the week-end, virtually have to for three days, a naval headquarters announcement said today.

The 9,717-ton hospital ship Dorsetshire, on her way to Britain, from Tobruk, has been ordered to drop the call she was due to make at the island.—Reuter.

PIRATES CAPSIZE STEAMER

Shanghai, Mar. 1.

The Ta Kung Pao today reported that 160 persons were drowned on Saturday when pirates, masquerading as passengers, clashed with ship guards and caused a commotion among more than 280 passengers, sending the vessel to the bottom of the sea.

The ss Chungshin, which plies between Amoy and Tsingking, was en route to Amoy when the piracy occurred. Fifty survivors arrived in Amoy yesterday while 60 other survivors together with the bodies of most of the victims are still in Kienmen—an island between Amoy and Tsingking. Three suspected pirates were seized.

The gang of pirates, who boarded the vessel as passengers, rushed the ship guards and heavy shooting followed in which several guards were killed. The passengers, rushing for safety, caused the ship to capsize. While more than 100 were picked up by junks and other ships an initial check up said that at least 160 lives were lost.—United Press.

Telegraph Strike In Japan

Tokyo, Mar. 1.

All Japanese telephone and telegraph communications between Tokyo and Osaka were suspended as 16,000 communications employees in Osaka went on a 24-hour strike at midnight last night.

The strike does not affect armed forces telephone connections.

The strike means that Tokyo is cut off from Central Japan and the whole of Western Japan as well as Shikoku Island because calls come from Osaka.

The workers, who are demanding increased wages and a Government promise not to discharge workers in connection with the Government's proposed retrenchment programme, may continue to strike in the event that the situation does not "improve"—United Press.

Creed Of The Police State

London, Feb. 29.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, speaking at a "National Recovery" meeting here today, said: "Sweeping across Europe is a political power that denies all the things that in the English family we value above life itself."

"It is a creed in which there is not discussion but force, no Government by consent but control by a police state, not free Parliament but tyranny and the extermination of those who differ from the powers that be, not liberty but slavery."

"There is clearly only one answer to that creed, and that is to give a demonstration that our way of life is the better way."—Reuter.

REGENT'S VISIT TO U.S.

Brussels, Feb. 29.

Prince Charles, Regent of Belgium, will be accompanied by Foreign Minister Paul Henri Spaak during his forthcoming visit to the United States. Government sources said today.

The party will leave Brussels by air for the United States on April 1.—United Press.

Final "Terms" For Havana Parley

New York, Feb. 29. The United States is trying to wind up one world trade fight before it takes on a second. Both are attempts to get international business relations in order as one form of defence in the gold war. The long dead-locked Havana Trade Conference last week considered Washington's "final terms."

On a "take it or leave it" basis, the United States has told the 67-nation meeting which has been trying since November to launch an international trade organization, that: "Here are the rules of the game, as we will play it. Come along with us or let's call the whole thing off."

The idea is to wind up the Havana Parley by March 20. Because on March 30 the 21-American Republics will start their own conference at Bogota, Colombia.

The Latin-American bloc at Havana has been meeting to decide how much it can concede to the United States. The United States is carrying the torch in the fight against "economic nationalism." Washington wants to work toward a "one world of trade" wherein each nation's goods move where they are wanted and needed, with trade barriers at a minimum.

An imposing list of nations, including most of those who will go to Bogota, seeks to build up each one's local industry by any means at hand. The long term aim is to make each nation, or bloc of nations, as nearly self-sufficient as possible. This, after a few years, would free them of any need for a long list of American products which they now buy, when they have the cash.

American business does not want this to happen. It would choke off exports and it might also put barriers in the way of American business getting raw materials it needs from abroad.—Associated Press.

"Times" Editor Passes

Dar Es Salaam, Feb. 29.

Mr. R. M. Barrington Ward, editor of the London "Times", died here on board the ship "Langhby Castle", on which he was making a health and rest cure trip to Kenya.

Mr. Barrington Ward, who was 77, was on his way home when he died.

Mr. Barrington Ward died on board the vessel, which had been in Dar Es Salaam harbour since Thursday. He became editor of "The Times" in 1941 after being assistant editor since 1927.

From 1919 to 1927 he was assistant editor of the Sunday "Observer."

A former barrister-at-law of Lincoln's Inn, he joined the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry in 1911. He served in France and Belgium and won the D.S.O. and M.C.

He was educated at Westminster and Balliol College, Oxford.—Reuter.

BENELUX AND WESTERN PACT

Brussels, Feb. 29.

The Benelux countries agreed today on their attitude toward the five-nation pact proposed by Britain, but did not announce the decision.

The Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers of Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg announced the decision will be presented at their next meeting with representatives of Britain and France. When this will take place has not been disclosed.

Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin of Britain has urged creation of the five-nation compact as a start of his larger plan of "Western union" for Europe.—Associated Press.

Germany Prepares For New Hitler

Frankfurt, Feb. 29. Pastor Martin Niemöller, U-boat commander of 1914-18 war and fighting champion of the Church against Hitler, today called for "an outspoken right wing party" in Germany and spoke of the failure of what he called "our great Democracy."

In an exclusive interview with Reuter he declared the unrepresentative parties were preparing the ground for a "second slightly different Hitler."

Seated in his study at the Castle of Buedingen, the prisoner for eight years in Hitler's concentration camps said the present version of "democracy" had "failed to provide a positive idea which could replace the Nazi ideology."

The true significance of his recent pastoral letter to the Hessian Protestant Church, in which he called on Germans no longer to cooperate voluntarily with the de-nazification tribunals because they were continuing Nazi terrorism "in reverse" has, he said, been misunderstood.

"The people feel that today the parties are more made believe than reality, and vote and in the end quite a different decision is taken by the military government."

Of the work of the de-nazification tribunals, Pastor Niemöller said: "Its consequences will poison our life for decades."

He protested against the rule-forbidding employment of near relatives of Nazi leaders in important positions and declared the burdens must be shared equally as outcome of social justice and not as a punishment.

"What is intolerable is that for decades to come we are to have citizens of five different degrees of de-nazification with different rights according to the verdicts of the de-nazification tribunals, at which the normal legal guarantees were lacking and de-nazification was at a premium."

"The Church had to make it clear that it gives no support to that," he said.

Australian Red Sees Red

Calcutta, Feb. 29.

Mr. L. Sharkey, President of the Australian Communist Party, told more than 800 delegates to the second Congress of the Indian Communist Party here that it would be a great mistake to believe that "British imperialism has already been finally beaten."

He said: "We must unite in the struggle against the imperialists of the new world war, the Anglo-American imperialists who dream of world domination, in order to win the lasting peace which is the desire of the toilers of all countries."

Mr. Sharkey cited the division of India and the "rousing of communal and racial passions" as the cunning devices of imperialism to retain control over the lives of colonial peoples.

Mr. Sharkey condemned the "White Australia" slogan as reactionary and imperialist, describing it as an attempt to prevent the international unity of the working class.

The leader of Burma's Communist Party, U Than Tun, said that although Burma had been formally declared a fully independent sovereign State, it was a "sham independence," with imperialist domination continuing through new tactics of utilizing the colonial bourgeoisie against the huge colonial upsurge of the people.—Reuter.

Mutiny In U.S. Freighter

WASHINGTON, FEB. 29.

THREE OFFICERS AND THE MASTER OF THE FREIGHTER AUGUSTINE VICTORY ARE IN HOSPITAL AND SIX SEAMEN GAOLED TODAY AFTER A BATTLE ABOARD THE SHIP WHICH THE OFFICERS TERMED A "MUTINY."

Fourteen heavily-armed sheriff deputies and police met the vessel in answer to a message from the ship requesting an ambulance and police.

The Snohomish County sheriff found Capt. W. R. Marston, 28, unconscious in his bunk. Officers and crewmen all agreed the Captain had gone below to break up a drinking party. The officers said the crewmen refused to obey the Captain and during the struggle he was struck on the head and knocked down.

Crewmen said the Captain slipped and hit his head.

A full investigation will be conducted.—United Press.

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FINNISH DECISION TODAY

Stalin's "Proposal" For Parliament

"No Intention Of Delaying"

Helsinki, Feb. 29.

The Finnish Government will ask Parliament early on Tuesday whether Parliament would be ready to decide if negotiations will be taken up with Russia about the military pact proposed by Generalissimo Stalin.

The United Press learned from reliable sources that the Government would present the question to Parliament thus: "Is it the opinion of all political groups that the proposed negotiations should start?" and not as a direct question whether Parliament desired a defence pact with Russia.

It is generally believed none of the political groups will reject negotiations with Russia when they are brought up in this way. It was said a negative answer by Parliament could be regarded as a demonstration against Soviet Russia, since the Government's question will imply nothing beyond its content.

Negotiations will be a matter exclusively for the Government and the President of the Finnish Republic with the assistance of Parliament, until the text is forwarded to Parliament for ratification.

According to Parliamentary practice, the Foreign Affairs Committee of Parliament will be currently informed about the progress of negotiations but can only interfere in the capacity of an advisory body.

"Coincident"

The Finnish Minister of Finance (Rolf Toengren), who has just arrived in Stockholm from Helsinki, told the United Press today that the defence pact suggested by Stalin in no way should be identified with treaties regarding military matters which the Soviet has with Hungary and Rumania.

Mr. Toengren said: "Only the coincidence of time between the crisis in Czechoslovakia and the defence pact proposed to Finland caused this entire matter to be given considerably larger proportions abroad than it deserves."

The Minister was accompanied by the chairman of the Finnish Diet (K. A. Fagerholm). They will attend the opening of "Finnish Week" in Sweden, which starts tomorrow.

Both "Finnish Week" and the trip of the two Finnish politicians have no relation to recent political events in Finland, but were scheduled several weeks ago.

Denial

Mr. Fagerholm stated that no real development on the Soviet pact question could be expected before Tuesday.

He stressed that the Soviet proposal would be dealt with in strict adherence to Finnish constitutional practice.

"I can deny categorically any rumour that President Paasikivi already should have given a preliminary reply to Stalin," he said. "Finland has, however, no intention of delaying negotiations with the Soviet Union and we will take up such as soon as possible."—United Press.

Anti-Red Leaflets Spread

Helsinki, Feb. 29.

Leaflets attacking Russia and Marshal Stalin, who has proposed a Russo-Finnish treaty of friendship and mutual military assistance, were being spread here today by an unknown organisation which the police were trying to track down.

The leaflets declared: "We are now independent in name only. Our really important concerns are being led in Moscow. It is time to put an end to this underground game." "The fate the Estonians suffered awaits all Finns sooner or later. Stalin has not forgotten and will never forget his wartime promise: All Finns shall be exterminated from the face of the earth."

"He began to carry out this promise in Estonia. Now your turn is coming."

The wildest rumours were circulating in the city today. One reported the Red flag had already been hoisted outside the House of Parliament.

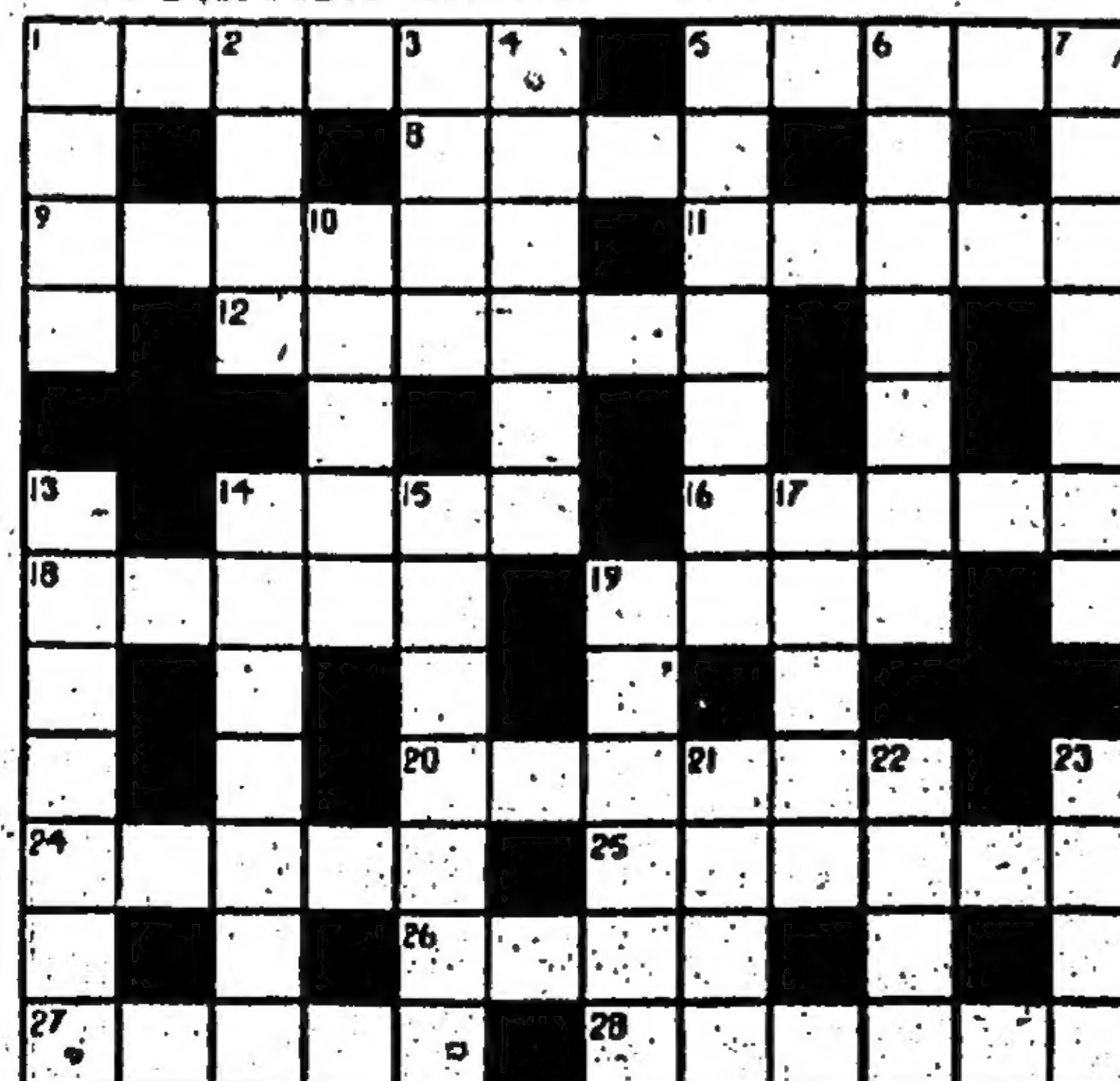
In fact, it was the Soviet flag flying alongside the flags of other countries taking part in the world skating championships here.—Reuter.

BRITISH ENVOY TO SWEDEN

London, Feb. 29.

Mr. Harold Parquhar, Minister to Ethiopia, has been appointed British Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Sweden, the Foreign Office announced tonight.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1. Dog.
5. Fireplace.
8. Eager.
9. Calamitous.
11. Commonplace.
12. Diminish.
14. Dumb.
16. View.
18. Got up.

Clues Down

1. Legend.
2. Bellow.
3. Slip slide.
4. Safe.
5. Strong.
6. Ship's weary.
7. Threw out.
10. Class.
13. Bargained.
14. Small quantity.
15. Teetotaler.
17. Antic.
19. Rally.
21. Become.
22. Ecstatic.
23. Successor.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across—1. Bored, 4. Scarce, 8. Imbibe, 10. Rased, 12. Amends, 14. Nostrum, 17. Dene, 19. Limited, 20. Foreman, 22. Lees, 23. Tense, 27. Silent, 29. Ruler, 30. Towling, 31. Denude, 32. Minor.

Down—1. Bait, 2. Rebus, 3. Debar, 5. Corp, 6. Russet, 7. Eddied, 9. Emulate, 11. Addict, 13. Eminent, 15. Obde, 16. Thesis, 18. New, 20. Florida, 21. Resign, 24. Storm, 25. Allen, 26. Eager, 28. Lead.

SEES MEN WITH KNIVES

Copenhagen, Feb. 29.

St. Age Toldness, a Dane who claims to be able to foretell the future, told a newspaper here that two big countries would be involved in another war this year.

A third country would start it, he said. He claimed that Marshal Stalin was against another war, but that the other great powers were working towards one.

St. Toldness said he had looked into the future and had seen men in foreign costumes carrying knives turned forward.—Reuter.

Services' Cabinet In Peru

Lima, Feb. 28.

A new Peruvian Cabinet, consisting entirely of army and navy officers, was sworn in here today.

Five members of the old Cabinet are included in the Prime Minister, Minister of the Interior and Minister of Education retaining their old posts.

The Cabinet includes the Prime Minister and Finance Minister, Rear-Admiral Roque Saldias; Foreign Minister General (Air) Armando Reverón; and Minister of Interior, General Manuel Odrin.—Reuter.

Soviet's Demand Of Finland

Helsinki, Feb. 29.

The Soviet Minister in Helsinki, Lt. Gen. Savonenkov, was tonight reported to have asked the Finnish authorities for a complete list of active officers of the Finnish Army.

There was no official confirmation of this, but it was understood that a communique might be issued later.

Stockholm, observers believed tonight, that the Russian request indicated that the Soviets may press for the dismissal of anti-Soviet officers when negotiating the proposed mutual assistance pact between the two countries.

After the armistice of 1944, a group of Army officers organised a secret force "against any foreign power trying to occupy Finland."—Reuter.

Hitler's Ideal Frau Behind Bars

Stuttgart, Feb. 29.

Hitler's "ideal German woman" and former women's leader of the Nazi Party, Frau Gertrud Scholz-Klink, who was photographed smiling at London babies when she visited Britain shortly before the war, was arrested with her husband at Badenhausen, near Tuebingen, in the French Zone of Germany, last night.

The 55-year-old woman, who once had power over 35,000,000 German women, said when arrested: "I fought in Berlin to the end as it behoves a German woman, and I was wounded as a soldier."

Brusque and hostile to the French and American officials who questioned her, she declared: "I was not afraid to die for my beloved Fatherland."

A pylon phial was found on her husband, SS General Werner Heilmeyer, former senior group leader of the SS in charge of ideological education, when he was arrested.

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STABILISATION LOAN OUT Aid For China Dollar Waste Of Time

Plan Turned Down By Banks

Washington, Feb. 29. Informed consensus here is that there is virtually no possibility of the Chinese Government securing any currency stabilisation loan in the United States in the foreseeable future. Despite the increasing Republican clamour for aid to China beyond the \$570,000,000 commodity and reconstruction programme under Congressional consideration, well informed sources in close touch with all aspects of the situation said they were certain in a final analysis that no source here would be willing to take the responsibility for such a loan at present.

It is understood that most Administration officials believe that the current Republican demands for large scale aid to China such as these being advanced by Senators Robert Taft and Styles Bridges are designed for political effect rather than stemming from any basic intention to attempt to secure more money for the Nanking Government.

The consensus amongst informed officials is that any Administration attempt to get Congress to vote a stabilisation loan on top of the \$570,000,000 commodity and reconstruction grant probably would result in defeat for both plans.

The official consensus here is that all efforts to stabilise the Chinese currency through foreign loans or other "external mechanism" would prove of no avail until the Nanking Government is able to bring its expenditures and tax receipts into something approximating balance.

Banks Opposed
Meanwhile, experts pointed out that the only two possible sources outside of Congress for any Chinese stabilisation loan are the Export-Import Bank and the World Bank both of which already have ruled themselves out of the picture.

Export-Import Bank officials declined flatly against the possibility of making any such loan, firstly because they think it would be useless under the present economic conditions in China and, secondly because they interpret the Bank's charter as prohibiting that type of loan.

The Bank cannot make a stabilisation loan to China because that country has been unable to maintain any definite par value of its currency which is one of the prerequisites to the international bank advancing stabilisation funds.

It is considered possible that demands by Republican Congressmen might result in some additions to the military equipment assistance and the issuance of directives which would permit the American military mission in China to operate closer to field level.

Economy Sentiment
However, it is expected that the Administration may soon attempt to show the full scale of its military equipment provided the Chinese under surplus property deals and in other forms during the past two years. Whether this would have the effect of heading off Republican demands for military aid is not certain.

These sources asserted that their analysis of the Congressional sentiment on China aid disclose that although there are a number of vociferous Republican proponents of increased aid to Nanking the general economy sentiment of the majority of Congressmen may be judged by their approach to China aid plans. They said they believed that when a showdown came there would be no general disposition amongst Congressmen to go farther than the present Administration programme envisages.—United Press.

COMMODITY INDEX
New York, Mar. 1. The Associated Press composite of 35 basic commodities resumed its downward trend on Friday when it dipped to 183.21 after rising slightly to 183.97 a week earlier.

Textiles showed the sharpest drop. Industrials and livestock also declined. Food, cotton

and grains advanced. Non-ferrous metals were unchanged.—Associated Press.

High Interest
Instead, the banks are now trying to absorb the idle capital by offering a rate of interest sometimes as high as 15 per cent, it is said.

Some degree of success is reported to have been achieved in this respect as the intake during last week totalled CN\$4,000,000,000.

The greater proportion of the money that had been set loose, however, still persisted in commodity purchases, as these were more profitable.—Reuter-AAP.

Dollar And The Franc
The Attorney-General will move the following resolution at tomorrow's meeting of Legislative Council:—

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Money Market
Gold continued its downward slide yesterday and closed at \$348.75 a tael after opening at \$350.

Plastonia were decidedly firmer and at the close of the market were \$12.20 a 100. Opening rate was \$12.15 and fluctuations ranged from \$12.00 to \$12.25.

Chinese National Currency futures opened at 18 1/2 cents and closed at 18 cents for CN\$10,000. Spot was nominal at 19 cents.

Tenks were also firmer at \$26.00 a 100, while NEI Builders eased off slightly to \$30.90 a 100.

U.S. dollars dropped further to \$5.35, while Sterling was unchanged at \$12.95. Australian pounds were quoted at \$12.54.

Cause Of Economic Upheaval
Nanking, Mar. 1. The current economic upheaval in Shanghai and Nanking, causing wild fluctuations in market prices, is attributable to the sudden influx of idle capital from Manchuria and North China resulting from the worsening military situation, according to economic circles here.

Within the last 10 days, they said, the total amount of capital in flight from the war-threatened north reached as much as CN\$20,000,000,000 (nearly \$45,000).

This sudden influx of currency has rendered ineffective the efforts of Government banks to withhold loans and tighten credits as a means of curbing the fluctuations, the same sources said.

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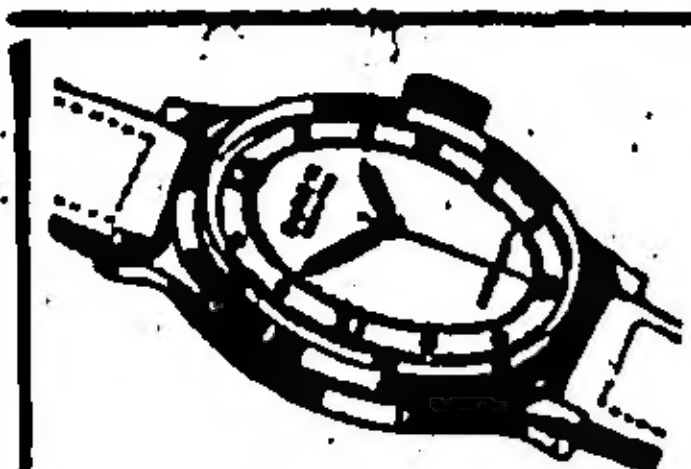
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CHASE AFTER "CHINA MAIL" SHIELD

(By "Grandstand")

The Walloping Wilcats blasted their way to a 10-2 victory over a determined Canadian nine to join the Wahos and Aces in the chase after the "China Mail Shield." Strengthened with the addition of several new faces, the Canuckettes put up a spirited fight behind Alice Mar's hurling, but heavier hitting soon told, as the Untamed Felines bunched up four hits in the final inning to garner as many runs.

The Wilcats took advantage of the Canuckettes' erratic pitching and chalked up three runs in the initial frame, while the Maple Leafers relied with two tallies helped by Jean Lee's single and Alice Mar's three-bagger. The Cats did not find things all their own way and only counted once more in the next four canoes.

During this period, Wilcat Dolly Brown dished out a brilliant flinging job by sending the Maple Leafers down in one-two-three order in a no-hit no-run performance. The Cats added one more in the sixth and clinched in the last inning. Canuckettes bunched up three runs in the sixth when Alice Mar singled, but was forced out at second when Mary Bunn grounded to short. In the Canadians' last turn at bat, they had runners on second and third but the essential hit was not forthcoming.

Dolly Brown on the slab for the Cats whiffed five and only gave up four hits while Alice Mar on the mound for the Maple Leafers fanned two but yielded 10 safeties. The Canuckettes' pitcher in the final chapter when Ella Chinn clamped her mitt on Cynthia Monte's fly and tagged Edgar Bahda out as she tried vainly to return to her base with the catch. The longest blow of the day, went to Alice Mar with a rousing triple which she could have stretched into a homer but for the fact that she stumbled after rounding second base. Helen Ribeiro, Wilcat Wild Kid, showed a return to form when she punted Alice Mar's offerings for three safeties in four attempts.

Argument

Prior to the commencement of the game a heated argument took place between the managers as to the interpretation of the rule governing "passed balls" which might strike the wire netting behind the catcher. It was decided to discontinue the net and play commenced under the old rules.

The rule says—Rule 27 Sec 3: If a ball delivered by the pitcher passes the catcher and touches any fence or backstop within 25 feet of home plate and the runner shall be entitled to advance one base.

In their initial diamond exhibition, the Pirates got off to an erratic start to allow the Bees to notch up 8 runs before the first inning was over. In the second frame the Buccaneers made several positional changes, with short-stop Joan Eager taking over hurling duties from Louise Warning who was not quite successful in finding the plate. Louise found the windy alley more suitable and made a good catch that was earmarked for distant places. Sparked by Joan Eager's home-run in the second inning the Skull and Crossbones pepped up and worked up a few runs. Although every single Pirate was full of enthusiasm, experience soon told.

Not Too Late

These girls have the makings of a good softball squad as most of them have a natural swing, but unfortunately their present ball sense is deplorable. It is understood that Hunty Neves has taken over coaching duties and was out last Sunday putting them through the paces in preparation for another exhibition against one of the teams in the Ladies League. It is not too late in the season to start as it is possible that a Summer League may be formed provided sufficient support is forthcoming. With the longer daylight period during the coming months there is no reason why weekday games cannot be played off.

The oft-debated question as to the origin of Softball has again been brought up. This pastime really started in the back yards when our grandpappies were knocking a ball or yavvy often a wad of rag—around. No one seems to be able to tell definitely when this practice started.

CHANGE IN CURRENCY

Tokyo, Mar. 1. British occupation forces in Japan exchanged their military currency for a new issue today.

Their finance office here said a similar change was made earlier in Europe. He said the military "script" "found its way into the hands of the wrong people or was counterfeited in Germany." —Associated Press.

Boxing Tournney

The boxing tournament at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. on Feb. 21 has stirred up so much interest that arrangements are now being made for a second tournney in the early part of this month, with either the Central Theatre or Caroline Hill (open air ring) as the venue.

Main event on the programme of the forthcoming tournament will be a contest between "Sky" Lee (Lee Kin-kun) of Hong Kong and David Hsu of Canton. Both have had considerable experience in the ring and as supporters of each Camp are equally confident of the outcome, an excellent fight is promised.

Local fight fans will be interested to learn that Sherry Bux, who has appeared with so much success here and in Macau during the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong, as an amateur is thinking of taking up boxing again. This will depend, of course, on whether he can spare the time from business demands for training.

India Has Future In Cricket

Perth, Mar. 1. Before sailing for India today with the Indian cricketers in the "Stratheden," Amarnath said: "Let me one thing that I am a disappointed man. I know that India has a great future in cricket."

Amarnath continued: "On behalf of my team, I want to thank the people who have just watched us play. It was a remarkable experience to find thousands of barrackers shouting for us to win."

Amarnath said that his young players, Phadkar, Sen, Sarwate and Adhikari had got the utmost benefit from the tour.—Reuter.

WORLD TITLE

Helsinki, Feb. 29. Johnny Werket of the United States today won the world championship in the 1500-metre speed the event before 12,000 persons at Helsinki's ice stadium.

The 23-year-old former paratrooper from Minneapolis was timed at 2 minutes 22.3 seconds.

Kas Ekman of Holland came second, Odd Lunberg of Norway third, H. Wall of Norway fourth and A. Piskarev of Russia fifth.—United Press.

BOXING TITLE

Manila, Feb. 29. Three dol Rosario, featherweight champion of the Philippines, last night annexed the featherweight championship of the Orient by defeating decisively David Young, the Chinese Hawaiian-born bantamweight southpaw, before a record crowd of 12,000 cheering fans at the Rizal Memorial Stadium.

Unleashing a savage two-fisted attack following a slow start, the local champion, weighing 126 pounds, was given the decision over Young, who topped the scales at 118 pounds, over a 10 round bout.—Reuter.

DIMAGGIO OUT FOR TITLE

St. Petersburg, Fla., Mar. 1. Joe Dimaggio, of the New York Yankees, served notice today that he is out to dethrone Ted Williams, of the Boston Red Sox, and American League batting champion.

Joe thinks an average of 350 will do it and that he has set his batting high. Williams won the title last year with 345.—Associated Press.

"Crushed Country"

Prague, Mar. 1. An American film dealing with underground resistance to German occupation, and starring Charles Laughton, has been withdrawn after a one-day run at a Prague theatre.

The film, the Czech title of which meant "Crushed Country," was shown at Kino Svoboda (Cinema Freedom). Another American film, "Love Letters," starring Joseph Cotton, was substituted.—Associated Press.

Gets M.S.M. Awarded Him 35 Years Ago

Monmouth, Mar. 1. Eighty-year-old W.O. H. Smithurst of Newport married between two regiments on the Castle Square at Monmouth yesterday to receive the Meritorious Service Medal—awarded to him in 1913. He was serving in the Royal Welch Fusiliers then.

The medal can be held by only two past or present members of a regiment at a time. Only when the holder dies is there a vacancy. The medal carries with it an annuity of £10 and no more than £7,000 a year can be spent in that way for the whole country.

Mr. Shinwell, War Minister, said in the House of Commons in a reply recently that there were 9,113 candidates on the waiting list.—Reuter.

Thank God For Franco And Salazar!

London, Mar. 1. "We may well thank God for General Franco and Dr. Salazar. If it was not for the far-seeing statesmanship of these two men it might easily happen that the Democracies—when Russia prepares to attack Great Britain—would be left without a single base."

That view was expressed in the "Daily Graphic" today by its editorial columnist, "Candidly." He "wrote off" France, Italy, Norway, Sweden and Denmark as bound to be absorbed by the Communist march across Europe. Only Spain and Portugal on the Continent would hold an anti-Communist front. He continued: "The United States should tell Russia explicitly and forcibly that if she moves another mile forward in Europe then atom bombs will rain on the Soviet Union."

"There is no other argument that will weigh with Stalin and his murderous associates."

American Basketball

New York, March 1. Notre Dame will try tonight to break the 10-game winning streak of New York University, America's only major undefeated college basketball team.

In the Big Nine, first-place Michigan can win the championship by defeating Iowa, the principal challenger. In the Big Seven, Kansas State can take the title by whipping Kansas University. Both of these crucial games also will be played tonight.

All other major conference races have been decided except two. In the Ivy League, Princeton, Columbia and Cornell are fighting it out. In the Pacific coast's northern division, Washington and Washington State are in contention. Elsewhere, here is the lineup of champions: Southeastern, Kentucky; Southern, North Carolina State; South-West, Baylor; Missouri Valley, Oklahoma A. and M.; Mountain States, Brigham Young; coast Southern Division, California.—Associated Press.

F.A. CUP DRAW

London, Mar. 1. Draw for the semi-finals of the Football Association Cup was made here today as follows: "Blackpool versus Tottenham Hot-spurs at Aston Villa's ground; Queens Park Rangers on Derby County versus Manchester United at the Sheffield Wednesday ground.

Both ties are to be played on Mar. 11. If there is one replay it will be at Wolverhampton on Mar. 26. If two replays are necessary, one will be at Wolverhampton and the other at Manchester City ground. An replay involving Manchester United would take place at Wolverhampton.—Reuter.

ALLEGED "CONVERSION" OF A WIDOW'S \$30,000

Togo Was Chiefly To Blame

Tokyo, Mar. 1. The "prime responsibility" for Japan's failure to observe international law by attacking Pearl Harbour and Singapore without warning rests on defendant, ex-Foreign Minister Shigeru Togo, the prosecution declared today.

Neither the ambiguous text nor the time of the delivery of the note to Secretary of State Cordell Hull in Washington 55 minutes after the first bombs were dropped on Pearl Harbour on Dec. 7, 1941, United States time, complied with The Hague Convention requiring a declaration of war before the opening of hostilities, said A.T. Laverge, the Netherlands assistant prosecutor.

Laverge cited the testimony of ex-Premier Hideki Tojo that details of the language of the note and the time of delivery were left to Togo and the chiefs of the Army and Navy general staffs after an "internal conference" on Dec. 1, 1941 had made the final decision to go to war.

The prosecutor also asserted that Togo was criminally responsible for the Japanese mistreatment of prisoners of war because at the beginning and at the end of the Pacific hostilities, Togo received and ignored, Allied protests.—Associated Press.

Chan Yuen-shu, alias Chau Hsu, Manager of the Wing Wo Cheung Company, No. 311, Des Voeux Road, Central, appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday for the third hearing of the charge against him of fraudulently converting \$30,000 to his own use while being trustee for the benefit of Chan Tsoi-king, a widow.

Defendant, represented by Mr. Marcus da Silva, pleaded guilty. He is on a \$10,000 bail and \$10,000 surty.

Chan, it was alleged by the Prosecution, persuaded the widow of Mo Leung-nai, who deposited \$50,000 at the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank and died intestate in Tolshan, to "localise" a power of attorney document and drew \$30,000 for his own use.

The alleged incident, Detective-Inspector Thomas Cashman said, occurred at the Sun Kong Cafe, Des Voeux Rd., Central, where the widow, at the request of defendant, finger-printed the document and her nephew, Mo Siu-chan, signed it.

The money, it was alleged, drawn on March 26 last year, but the widow did not receive any of it.

At yesterday's hearing, Cho Ping-pui, witness for the prosecution who accompanied complainant to the cafe, continued his evidence and was further cross-examined by Mr. da Silva.

Discrepancies over dates in the evidence of complainant and witness were brought out by Defence Counsel.

Cho, who claimed that he acted as a guide only and was not an interested party in the affair, said he saw complainant finger-print the document and her nephew signing it. He said that defendant was with them at the same table and that Chan produced a piece of paper, saying: "You'll be able to draw your money from the bank after signing this document."

The next witness for the prosecution was Mr. Li Shun.

wah, assistant Comptroller of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Corporation, who said that a man claiming to be representing Mui Leung-nai wanted to withdraw \$20,000. The man said that he had lost his chop.

Li instructed him to follow the usual procedure of the Bank in cases of lost chops.

On Oct. 21, he came back someone from the Wing Wo Cheung Company as his guarantor and drew \$20,000. The man claimed again to be Mui Leung-nai. The other man was defendant, he alleged.

At the end of December a woman called at the Bank with a chop in the name of Mui Leung-nai and wanted to withdraw money. Witness said he knew the original chop but did not know who had got it. He retained the chop and gave her a receipt for it.

Defendant came back again and produced a power of attorney and the new chop, which he had got re-registered, and drew \$30,000 on Feb. 26, Li declared.

Hearing was adjourned to March 16 at 12 p.m.

Lend-Lease Bill Shows "Progress"

Washington, Mar. 1. The State Department reported today that American negotiations for settlement of the Russian Lend-Lease bill of \$11,297,000 were "showing some progress."

Negotiators said agreement probably could not be reached for some time, but added they had "every reason to believe" that a mutually satisfactory settlement was negotiable.

Russia offered to return some of the Liberty ships which were transferred to the Red flag during the war. Officials said a partial agreement had been reached on the ships.

The Lend-Lease negotiations have been going on for two years.—United Press.

World Harvest Of Rice

Baguio, Mar. 1. The world rice harvest for the current year was described as "a gloomy picture" by a United Nations food expert, who said Asia's food supply would remain "critically short until at least 1952."

This year's rice shortage was estimated at 4,700,000 metric tons by James McAnis of Washington, D.C., who addressed the opening session of the 11-nation rice conference sponsored by the Food and Agricultural Organization.

He said the 1948 rice harvest was expected to be only five per cent below pre-war levels, but pointed out that the population of Asia's rice-carrying countries had increased nearly 90,000,000 since 1919. He said the figures would "surely dispel any notion that a return to the pre-war levels of rice production would end our troubles."

He also said heavy exports of so-called "bread grains" to Asia from the United States, Canada, Australia and Argentina in the past two years had helped ease the rice shortage, but that these exports had been abnormally heavy because of bumper crops.

He warned: "It would be risky to assume those countries could continue indefinitely to ship out vast quantities of wheat and other cereals which only extraordinarily favourable weather conditions made possible."—United Press.

D'ANNUNZIO ANNIVERSARY

Rome, Mar. 1. The tenth anniversary of the death of the Italian poet-soldier, Gabriele d'Annunzio, was commemorated on Sunday at his memorial villa, Vittoriale, overlooking Lake Garda.

Representatives of veterans' organizations from all parts of Italy were present at the Requiem Mass and laid wreaths of flowers on the tomb of the poet-soldier who won Fiume for Italy after World War I.

D'Annunzio's widow, Donna Maria, Hardouin, the Duchess of Galliera, his son Mario and niece Anna Maria were present.

Throughout Italy newspapers dedicated most of their feature pages on Sunday to d'Annunzio, who was the greatest single influence on Italian 20th century literature.—United Press.

53 Freed In Trial Of Ex-Fascists

Siena, Mar. 1. One of Italy's longest and biggest trials of ex-Fascist officials ended here last night when a special court sentenced six of defendants to life imprisonment after a 23-hour trial deliberation.

The convicted men included Professor Giorgio Chierico, ex-Fascist Prefect of Siena, and Alessandro Rinaldi, a former police official.

Of the other defendants two were given 30-year terms, one was sentenced to 26 years, one to 17 years and one to 16 years.

The other 53 were freed because of lack of sufficient evidence or because of conditions of the general amnesty.—United Press.

PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

London, Mar. 1. A Parliamentary delegation left here today for Paris at the invitation of M. Edouard Herriot, President of the French National Assembly, and M. Gaston Monnerville, President of the Upper House.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Deputy leader of the Conservative Party, and head of the delegation, will fly over tomorrow to join the group.—Reuter.

Share The Wealth?

London, Mar. 1. Women Liberals may demand a law to compel husbands to give their wives half of their incomes after household expenses have been met.

A resolution proposing such a law will be considered at the Women's Liberal Conference in Blackpool on April 20 and 21.—United Press.

Benelux And The Czech Crisis

Brussels, Mar. 1. The Anglo-French-Benelux treaty of alliance would be spurred to a conclusion within a month because of the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia and the approach to Finland, sources close to the Government said today.

The Prime Minister and Foreign Ministers of Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg met yesterday at the Dutch Embassy for 50 minutes. The session was scheduled officially.

Official Dutch sources said after the meeting that the Foreign Ministers were in "full agreement" with the terms of Mr. Bevin's proposal for a Western European alliance; only technicalities remained to be settled.

An unimpeachable source close to the Belgian Premier, M. Henri Spaak, said he considered the conclusion of the alliance "urgent" in the light of the events in Czechoslovakia and Finland.

Spaak said he considers formation of a Western European bloc the only means of bringing up to the Communists and saving Belgium from slipping into the Soviet orbit.

No official statement will be issued until the Benelux Foreign Ministers meet again, probably in Holland, within ten days.—United Press.

Athens, Mar. 1. Sixty men and non-commissioned officers of the Greek Royal Navy have been arrested. It is authoritatively stated that they had attempted to organize a rising in the navy and to seize boats to join the partisans. They will be tried by a military court.—Reuter.

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